

# The Power of Partnerships: Working to Protect and to Push

## Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness 10th Annual Regional Gathering

Please join our Network partners, legislative and municipal leaders and community members as we gather in our shared commitment to resist harmful federal policies and support the state's response to our region's needs.

### SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

#### Keynote: Defending Housing First, Reducing Homelessness: The Role of the MA Attorney General's Office

Esme Caramello, Director, Housing Affordability Unit, MA Attorney General's Office

**Representative Homar Gómez**, 2nd Hampshire District (Easthampton, Hadley, South Hadley, Precinct 2, Granby)

**Shaundell Diaz**, Director, Three County Continuum of Care

**Wilford (Champ) Godbolt**, Springfield Homeowner, Springfield No One Leaves member

**Gerry McCafferty**, Director, Hampden County Continuum of Care/ Director of Housing, City of Springfield

**Mona Shadi**, Easthampton Tenants Union

**With Emcee, Emily English**, Senior Director, Gandara Center

### Also honored to have in attendance:

**Federal Legislators:** Representatives from the offices of Senator Ed Markey, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Rep. Jim McGovern and Rep. Richard Neal

**State Legislators:** Senator Jo Comerford, Senator Adam Gómez, Senator Jake Oliveira, Rep. Shirley Arriaga, Rep. Mindy Domb, Rep. Pat Duffy, Rep. Farley-Bouvier, Rep. Michael Finn, Rep. Carlos González, Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa, Rep. Aaron Saunders, and representatives from the offices of Rep. Brian Ashe, Rep. Angelo Puppolo, and Senator Velis

**Mayors:** Easthampton Mayor Salem Derby, Pittsfield Mayor Peter Marchetti, Northampton Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, West Springfield Mayor William Reichelt, Amherst Town Manager Paul Bockelman and representatives from the cities of Greenfield, Holyoke, Springfield and Westfield

### Questions?

Contact Pamela Schwartz, Network Director  
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**Friday, May 29, 2026**

**9:30–11:30am**

**PeoplesBank Room  
Kittredge Center  
Holyoke Community College**

**9:30am: refreshments & networking**

**10–11am: program**

**11am: more networking!**

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