

# 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.

### NEW SPECIAL GUEST:

MA Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Juana Matias is now attending and will share remarks with us.

### 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; U.S. Senator Ed Markey—Video remarks

**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, Rep. Bud Williams, and representatives from the offices of Rep. Brian Ashe, Rep. Angelo Puppolo, Rep. Orlando Ramos, and Senator Velis

**Mayors:** Easthampton Mayor Salem Derby, Greenfield Mayor Ginny Desorgher, 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 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!**

**RSVP here for Zoom  
(in-person registration is full)**

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