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PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

SECOND ANNUAL "HOUSING THE HUDSON VALLEY" CONFERENCE ADVANCES ISSUES:

Nearly 300 planners, housing advocates, developers, financiers, not-for-profit executives and municipal officials attended Pattern's spring conference on workforce and affordable housing June 11. Featured were a keynote address by Regional Plan Association President Robert Yaro, a presentation by the Tri-County Housing needs assessment group of Dutchess, Ulster and Orange, a lively discussion by employers describing the housing necessary to attract and retain a stable workforce, and an update on state and federal financing programs. *Pattern's Housing Committee meets this week on follow-up action from the conference, and invites your ideas and comments.*

AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE HOUSING ADVOCACY ADS A FIRST FOR PATTERN:

In case you missed them before the conference, Pattern placed newspaper ads to show the "face of workforce housing", spotlighting people like health care workers and firefighters who increasingly cannot afford to live in the communities in which they work. Pattern also created a special section with House Magazine, featuring projects from RUPCO, Regan Development, Hudson River Housing and more. Reprints are available upon request, or click [here](#) to print from our website.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY KICKS OFF AGENDA MAY 30:

Chaired by Orange County Executive Ed Diana, Pattern for Progress' new Regional Intergovernmental Committee met for the first time May 30. Municipal officials from six counties began a dialogue on how to create greater efficiency in local government through shared services and consolidation. The Committee agreed its first issue will be the cost of providing county jail facilities; members also are working on its mission statement and the process for identifying issues at other levels of government.

PATTERN FELLOWS PRESENT PROJECTS, COLLABORATE WITH COUNTY PROGRAMS:

At Pattern's June 12 Board meeting, the Pattern Fellows met to present their individual and team projects. One of those projects was an event that was for the first time to bring together current and former members of five county leadership programs. Held June 24 with 130 participants, the gathering featured guest speaker Alair Townsend, former NYC Deputy Mayor and publisher of *Crain's New York Business*.

PATTERN'S BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

Steven Poskanzer, President of SUNY New Paltz, was honored by the Business Marketing Association of the Hudson Valley at an award presentation June 17, where it was noted that the college brings \$274 million annually to the region ... A record-breaking \$94,000 was raised at the June 19 Boy Scout dinner where 350 came to honor **David MacFarland**, President of Riverside Bank, with the Hudson Valley Council's Distinguished Citizen Award ... **Barry Rothfeld**, Publisher of the Poughkeepsie Journal, was appointed to the United Way of Dutchess County's Board of Governors at the annual meeting June 6 ([more](#)) ... and congratulations to **Glenn Hoagland**, Executive Director of Mohonk Preserve, for Contribute 200 guide's ranking of Mohonk as the seventh best NY/NJ/CT nonprofit in the environment and parks category, highest in the Mid-Hudson.

AND LOOK FOR....

- *Now that Robert G. Wilmers has been appointed chair of Empire State Development Corporation ... Who will fill the senior positions now open?*
- *With the price of a gallon of gas at \$4.25 and climbing, how will travel costs affect Hudson Valley tourism this summer?*
- *May's unemployment numbers for the Hudson Valley region witnessed the largest increase in 14 years, after six months of steady increases ... Where will this trend go next?*