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## **ADOH to Host 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Housing Forum**

**Phoenix** – On September 18-20, the Arizona Department of Housing will host their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Housing Forum in Scottsdale at the Talking Stick Resort.

The Arizona Housing Forum is the only statewide housing conference in Arizona and it has become a venue for elected officials, policymakers, industry professionals, advocates, and community leaders from across the state and nation to address the significant challenges facing Arizona's housing market. In 2012, over 25 states were represented by the 350 attendees.

"Once again, our staff has put together a fantastic program that addresses the critical role housing plays in Arizona and the significant challenges we face. The theme of this year's Housing Forum is Stand Up For Housing. This year's Forum has attracted individuals from all across the country who will partake in many diverse sessions, covering a myriad of housing related topics," said ADOH Director Michael Traylor.

For the ninth straight year, the Brian Mickelsen Housing Hero Awards will be presented at the Forum. The Brian Mickelsen Housing Hero Awards recognize outstanding service by individuals and organizations for their commitment to numerous housing issues throughout the state. Nominees in seven different categories are selected based on their efforts to support affordable housing for moderate and low-income Arizona families. The awards are named in honor of the outstanding public service exemplified by the late Brian Mickelsen, an original member of the Arizona Housing Finance Authority and former city manager for the Town of Cottonwood. The winners will be celebrated at a luncheon on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

ADOH has convened a special panel of some of the country's top Fair Housing attorneys to discuss the impact of HUD's recent regulations and what it means for the future of Fair Housing compliance. Additionally, there will be presentations and keynotes from Arizona State University Research Professor and Economist, Dr. Lee McPheters; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President, Diane Enos; motivational speaker, Lou Heckler; non-profit consultant, Dr. Lee Draper; the State of Utah Homeless Task Force; senior staff officials to Arizona's congressional delegation.

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