

RCLC-2014

REGISTRATION PACKET



Resident Council Legislative Conference

May 27-30, 2014

**National Gaylord Resort & Convention Center
National Harbor Maryland**

The Premier Legislative Conference for Resident Councils & Associations



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Dear Resident Council & Association Leaders:

Resident Council & Association Leaders all share a common belief-in that they are key partners in the on-going work which ensures community safety, self-help and self-sufficiency initiatives. In an effort to birth opportunities that reduce the risk of economic failure for residents, it is important that the role of the Resident Council & Association Leaders are respected, valued and supported by housing authority staff and community stakeholders.

We also recognize that new opportunities for building stronger, equal partnerships with shared responsibilities between local, state and federal entities are continually needed. With this in mind, I am very excited to announce the successful effort to bring together an exciting collaborative partnership between Can I Live, Incorporated (CIL) and The City Wide Council of Presidents (CCOP) to present the very first conference governed, planned and managed by public housing residents throughout the United States.

WHAT: The Resident Council Legislative Conference (RCLC)

WHEN: May 27-30, 2014

WHERE: The Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

WHO: Resident Council & Association Leaders, Public Housing Staff, Non-Profit Leaders, Advocates, Students, Companies that do or want to do business with Housing Authorities, Delegates and Policy Makers.

This year's theme is "*The Other Side of Housing*". While still somewhat early, I urge you to make your Staff, Resident Council & Association Leaders aware of this historic event and opportunity. Agencies are encouraged not only to send resident leaders who will benefit from this conference, but to also permit staff to participate and hear first-hand the public policy issues that residents are lending a united voice towards. More excitedly, Residents Council & Association Leaders that register for this year's Resident Council Legislative Conference will begin the establishment of the very first National Residents Association Directory (NRAD). Attendance is not required to have your council registered. Please visit <http://www.canilive.org/> for more information.

All questions can be addressed to Ms. Monette Walker, Director of Special Events at 757-775-3851 or monettewalker@canilive.org. We look forward to continuing to work closely with you to support strong resident councils and thriving communities. Together, through initiatives such as this, we will continue to build on our goal to transform public housing from the inside out.

This Year's Conference is [Powered by R.A.D.A.R.](#) (Realistic Approaches to Developing Active Residents).

Sincerely,



Racquel Williams, MPA
Can I Live President



The planning committee, on the behalf of CAN I LIVE, INC (hereinafter referred to as CIL), would like to invite residents who reside in Public Housing Authorities throughout the United States to the 2014 National Resident Council Legislative Conference (RCLC).

The RCLC will take place on May 27-30, 2014 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. The theme of this year's conference is "*The Other Side of Housing*". Join Trained Resident Council & Association Leaders from across the United States for a time of real engagement. Residents are taking their agenda to Capitol Hill to discuss policy changes that will rebuild and impact the communities in which they live.

The Early Registration fee of \$375.00 per person includes the following:

- **Full Conference Participation**
- **Meals and Receptions**
- **Conference Materials**

You must first register for the conference with CIL before you can make your hotel reservation. CIL has reserved block rooms at a special discounted rate of \$219.00, plus taxes and resort fees. **The cutoff date to make your hotel reservations is April 29, 2014.**

Residents can [Register Online](#) and or by fax and email by completing the attached Registration Form.

Registration Ends on Thursday May 15, 2014

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: CAN I LIVE, INC.

Can I Live, Inc.

Attention: RCLC Registration

PO BOX 25713

Raleigh, NC 27611-5713

Cancellations must be received in writing. Confirmation of faxed cancellations may be required. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after **Thursday, April 3rd** or for registrants who fail to attend the conference. A \$75 administrative fee will be deducted from all approved refunds granted.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact our Director of Special Events.

Monette Walker

757-775-3851

monettewalker@canilive.org

Thank you for supporting *the empowered voice of residents!*

2014 RCLC REGISTRATION FORM

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:	SUFFIX:
BOARD TITLE:	COMMUNITY/DEVELOPMENT NAME:	
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP/POSTAL CODE:
PHONE:	*EMAIL ADDRESS:	
PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY NAME:		

** E-mail is required to receive conference confirmation and conference handouts*

REGISTRATION FEES—RCLC

<i>Please select your registration category:</i>	REGULAR <i>Paid by May 15</i>	ON-SITE <i>Paid after May 15</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475
<input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT/PANELIST <input type="checkbox"/> GUEST	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275

GUEST NAME _____

A guest is a spouse/friend, not a co-worker or colleague.

TOTAL \$ _____

NOTE: Conference registration (for registered attendees and registered guests) includes admission to all plenary sessions, concurrent sessions and receptions. All unregistered guests, including youth, must have a ticket to attend the Legislative Caucus Dinner, the Residents Reception and the Closing Plenary Breakfast Session.

FEES—SPECIAL EVENT TICKETS & ADDITIONAL TICKETS FOR GUEST

Tuesday, May 27		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Ticket for Guest "Legislative Caucus Dinner" 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 X _____ ticket(s)	\$ _____
Wednesday, May 28		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch and Learn 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 X _____ ticket(s)	\$ _____
Thursday, May 29		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Ticket for Guest "The Residents Reception" 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 X _____ ticket(s)	\$ _____
Friday, May 30		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Ticket for Guest "Closing Plenary Breakfast" 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 X _____ ticket(s)	\$ _____
		TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION – Needed to Process Registration

<input type="checkbox"/> Check payable to CAN I LIVE INC (Check No. _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> American Express
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Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

The signatory of this form agrees to accept and pay all applicable charges, including adjustments to reflect the correction of calculation errors based on the events chosen and your company's or individual current membership status with CAN I LIVE. Moreover, the signatory specifically authorizes CAN I LIVE to charge any such amounts to the credit card referenced on this form.

REMITTANCE - Registration forms without payment will not be processed

By Mail with Check/Credit Card Payment:

CAN I LIVE Registration
P.O. Box 25713
Raleigh, NC 27611-5713

By Fax with Credit Card Payment:

(877) 810-1347

CANCELLATION POLICY/LIABILITY WAIVER: By submitting this form, you agree to have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Cancellation Policy and Liability Waiver. To read in full, please visit the "RCLC Cancellation Policy" Web page on the Conference tab (RCLC Overview) of the CAN I LIVE website.

NOTE: Confirmations will be emailed within three (3) business days. **QUESTIONS:** Contact the CAN I LIVE Conference hotline at (919) 901-0519 or e-mail

rclc@canilive.org

SPECIAL NEEDS- Provided as Requested

Please check here if you would like to be contacted regarding special dietary requirements at the 2014 RCLC.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

201 Waterfront Street
National Harbor, MD 20745
(301) 965-4000
Reservations
800-GAYLORD (429-5673)



Please Note: You must first register for the conference with CAN I LIVE, INC. before you can make a hotel reservation within CIL'S room block.

Room Rate: \$219

Hotel Discount Cutoff Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Conference headquarters is the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, conveniently located at 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD—just 15 minutes from Capitol Hill. CIL has secured a block of rooms for conference attendees at the special discount rate of \$219. Again, you must first register for the conference with CIL before you can make a hotel reservation within CIL' room block. To make a reservation within the block, you will need to provide the reservation code that CIL provides with your registration confirmation.

Please call 800-GAYLORD (429-5673) or visit <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/residentcouncillegislative> to make your hotel reservation. To ensure availability, please call before the Tuesday, April 29th cutoff date.

SPEAKERS



Racquel Williams

**Opening General Session Key-
Note Speaker**

Racquel Williams is the founder and President of Can I Live, Inc., an organization that advocates for people struggling with poverty and its effects. Racquel holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from North Carolina Central University. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Politics, Economics and Law from Suny Westbury University. Coupled with her skill as a facilitator and trainer, this experience gives her a unique insight into creating systems and learning resources to help resident councils develop strong governing bodies.

Racquel is a Commissioner who Chairs the Wake County Housing Authority. She believes a strong Resident Council is the engine that drives thriving communities. These councils do not develop by accident; but are the result of deliberate support, and proactive training. Racquel has witnessed this development choice only exercised by innovative Public Housing Authorities.



Reginald Bowman
**Luncheon General Session Key-
Note Speaker**

Mr. Bowman is President of the City Wide Council of Presidents at the New York City Housing Authority. His organization represents approximately 178,000 families, making it the largest resident organization in the United States.

As a member of several national boards, Mr. Bowman advocates for capacity-building programs and innovative approaches to serve the family unit, emphasizing seniors, disabled persons, children and young adults seeking to improve their lives. He speaks on a regular basis at housing conferences and collaborates with many organizations to link his members with the network of service providers.



Kimberly Muktarian
President & CEO
Save Our Sons, Inc.

Featured Workshop Presenter

Kimberly Muktarian, President of Save our Sons, Incorporated, is a seasoned advocate highly regarded for her combination of creativity, strategic judgment, and courtroom prowess. She has broad experience advocating complex cases in both federal and state courts involving criminal, adoption and legal guardianship. Ms. Muktarian has successfully advocated appeals for abused and neglected children, as well as suspended and expelled youth. Ms. Muktarian also represents clients serving life sentences for drugs and murder.

Ms. Muktarian holds a Doctorate degree in Biblical Counseling and Theology from Justice Fellowship International; a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Strayer University and Bachelors of Applied Science from Campbell University. Ms. Muktarian is known for her watchdog approach as it relates to ensuring the integrity of the law.

Workshop Title: Advocating in Adversarial Climates

In this eye opening and enlightening session, residents learn the perspectives and ideologies of major special interest groups and the varying political parties. Residents must learn how to advocate and push their agenda by talking to people with a full understanding and knowledge of “What’s In It For Them”.



Kelvin Spragley
President & CEO
The Spragley Group

Featured Workshop Presenter

Dr. Spragley, a military veteran, worked in the Wake County (NC) Public School System for seven years as a Social Science teacher. He also served as an Education Consultant for the North Carolina Association of Educators. Dr. Spragley holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from North Carolina State University. He is currently the founder and owner of “The Spragley Group, LLC” where he and his staff provide support to small and medium sized non-profits in the areas of program evaluation, survey research and grant-writing support.

Dr. Spragley serves as an Assistant Professor of History and Education at Louisburg College in Louisburg, North Carolina.

Workshop Title: Using Data to Tell Your Story

This highly informative session educates residents on how to impact policy makers through a compelling story using data. Residents will walk away able to better leverage their positions as leaders simply by communicating information that funders, policy makers and civic leaders respond to.

AGENDA



RCLC Conference Agenda
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

Tuesday – May 27, 2014		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
12:00 PM – 2:30 PM	CIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	WASHINGTON BOARD RM
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM	REGISTRATION	FOYER-WOODROW WILSON
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS PLANNING SESSION	ANNAPOLIS 4
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION/CASH BAR	ANNAPOLIS 4
Wednesday– May 28, 2014		
TRAINING DAY		
8:00 AM – 9:25 AM	OPEN GENERAL SESSION/BREAKFAST	CHERRY BLOSSOM
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	REGISTRATION & EXHIBIT	BALTIMORE 1, 2, 3
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	LEADERSHIP-INNOVATE OR EVAPORATE	BALTIMORE 1, 2, 3
11:15 AM – 12:25 PM	USING DATA TO TALK TO POLICY MAKERS	BALTIMORE 1, 2, 3
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	LUNCH & LEARN	WOODROW WILSON BC
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM	ADVOCATING IN ADVERSARIAL CLIMATES	BALTIMORE 1, 2, 3
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	MOCK LOBBY DAY - GROUP SESSIONS	BALTIMORE 1, 2, 3
Thursday–May 29, 2014		
ADVOCACY DAY ON THE HILL		
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	REGISTRATION & EXHIBIT	WOODROW WILSON BC
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	BREAKFAST & HILL LOGISTICS	CHERRY BLOSSOM
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM	CAPITOL HILL VISITS (SHUTTLE TO DC)	WASHINGTON, DC
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	STEP-UP HOUSING PRESENTATION- STAFF	BALTIMORE 1, 2, 3
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	GET TO KNOW R.A.D.A.R. - STAFF	BALTIMORE 1, 2, 3
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	RESIDENTS RECEPTION & ENTERTAINMENT	CHERRY BLOSSOM
Friday – May 30, 2014		
MOVING OUR AGENDA FORWARD		
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	CLOSING GENERAL SESSION/ BREAKFAST ❖ RESIDENTS NEXT STEPS	CHERRY BLOSSOM

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