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New Plenary Duo Will Take Stage At *Housing Washington 2017*

SEATTLE, Wash (Sept. 1, 2017) – *Housing Washington 2017*, the leading affordable housing conference in the Pacific Northwest, today announced a new plenary duo of James Carr of the Roosevelt Foundation and Ethan Handelman of the National Housing Conference.

These two well-known housing experts will take one the housing policy discussion in a new dialogue format, engaging the audience in interactive discussion.

Handelman notes, “this is going to be the best plenary delivered at this type of event... the two person dialogue style presentation will allow us to really engage each other and the audience in a collaborative discussion.”

Handelman and Carr go on to share their approach to this innovative plenary noting, “we’ll touch on a wide range of issues from the federal budget, tax reform, housing finance reform, fair housing, and ending homelessness, to expanding homeownership and rental affordability, among other key topics.”

The keynote speakers plan to create space for the audience to ask questions and help drive the conversation.

“By connecting issues in a conversational format, we hope to keep the audience engaged and aim to make the complex federal issues comprehensible to attendees, giving them a variety of ways to think about issues and get involved,” say Handelman and Carr.

Housing Washington 2017 is set for October 2 – 4, 2017 at the Spokane Convention Center. One of the largest regional conferences in the country, the event is presented by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, the Washington State Department of Commerce and the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. Conference sponsorships and scholarships are available. www.housingwa.org.

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