

The Power of Partnerships: Working to Protect and to Push

Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness 10th Annual Regional Gathering

— PROGRAM —

Welcome and Introductions

Emily English, Program Emcee, Senior Director, Gándara Center

Special Guest: Secretary Juana Matias

Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities

2026 Western Massachusetts Homelessness & Housing Report and Network Priorities

Gerry McCafferty, Director of Housing, City of Springfield;
Administrator, Springfield-Hampden County Continuum of Care

Pamela Schwartz, Director, Western Massachusetts
Network to End Homelessness

U.S. Senator Ed Markey

Video remarks

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

Mona Shadi

Member & Co-Founder, Easthampton Tenants Union

Representative Homar Gómez

2nd Hampshire District

Wilford (Champ) Godbolt

Springfield Homeowner & Member, Springfield No One Leaves

Call to Action: Get Rent Control on the Ballot

Rose Webster-Smith, Executive Director,
Springfield No One Leaves

Closing

Shaundell Diaz, Director, Three County Continuum of Care



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!

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