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MINNESOTA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST SUMMIT ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MINNEAPOLIS – On April 11, 2018, the Minnesota Community Land Trust Coalition will host a Summit on the Evolution of Affordable Home Ownership in Minnesota.

"We are hosting the Summit to open a dialogue with housing partners about the Community Land Trust as a viable tool to create affordable homeownership opportunities across Minnesota," said Jeff Washburne, Chair of the Minnesota Community Land Trust Coalition and Executive Director of the City of Lakes Community Land Trust. "This Summit is timely as communities throughout our state continue to struggle to provide affordable housing for growing local workforce needs," said Washburne. "Currently the Minnesota Community Land Trust Coalition is leading a statewide coalition of community-based nonprofit developers called the Workforce Home Ownership Minnesota (WHOM) initiative, coming together to secure a dedicated source of funding in the 2018 Legislative Session. This initiative would provide a broad range of housing solutions to communities statewide that are experiencing a shortage of ownership opportunities for their growing local workforce needs."

Keynote Speaker Ryan Allen's speech on 'The Promise and Success of the Community Land Trust Model,' will open up a discussion on affordable housing solutions among a panel of industrial housing partners: Kyle Cosky (Home Mortgage Consultant/Direct Lender at Summit Mortgage Corporation), Nataly Sanchez (Realtor at Sean and Blanca Realty), Erik Torch (Director of Grantmaking at the Northland Foundation), Gene Winstead (Mayor of the City of Bloomington), and Ron Zweber (Senior VP/Manager-Nonprofit Banking, Bremer Bank). Eric Muschler from the McKnight Foundation's Region and Communities Program will serve as the Summit's MC.

The Minnesota Community Land Trust Summit will be held on April 11, 2018, 8:30-11:30a.m. at The Bridge – Sunrise Banks, 2525 Wabash Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55114.