



News Release

Photo Release: Comptroller Brooke Lierman Hosts Event to Highlight Importance of Housing Affordability

Fireside chat and panel discussion coincide with release of new report on housing and the economy

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 16, 2025) — Maryland Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman hosted an event on Thursday focused on housing affordability in Maryland during “Maryland in Motion: Housing, Migration, and the Economy.” Comptroller Lierman was joined by **Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Jake Day** and other housing and development experts to discuss ways that Maryland can bolster its housing supply and support economic growth and financial security for Marylanders across the state.

The event, hosted by the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland, followed with the release of the latest report in the agency’s State of the Economy series: [Housing and the Economy](#). The report released on Thursday morning provides a comprehensive analysis of Maryland’s housing market, examining the economic ripple effects of housing shortages, construction costs, and affordability challenges that affect both residents and employers.

“Every conversation about Maryland’s economic future should start with housing because it determines where people can build their lives, whether businesses can grow, and how our state can compete for the people and resources we need to thrive,” said Comptroller Lierman. “Investing in housing means investing in a strong, stable, and prosperous future, and I am excited that our report can add more substance and evidence to the conversation.”



Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman and Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Jake Day during a Fireside Chat on October 16, 2025

During the Fireside Chat, Secretary Day highlighted the Moore-Miller Administration's ongoing initiatives to expand affordable housing supply, streamline development processes, and address regional disparities identified in DHCD's recently released [2025 Housing Needs Assessment Update](#), conducted in partnership with the University of Maryland's National Center for Smart Growth.

"The Comptroller's Housing and the Economy Report offers groundbreaking analysis of Maryland's housing crisis and spotlights compelling statistics that reflect the true weight of the housing challenges facing Marylanders today," said Secretary Day. "I'm grateful for our partnership with the Office of the Comptroller as we continue our work towards better housing availability and affordability for all."

Following the Fireside Chat, a panel discussion brought together leaders in government, housing policy, and community development to explore how housing affordability influences Maryland's economic trajectory, migration trends, and fiscal performance. Panelists included: Lori Graf, Chief Executive Officer, Maryland Building Industry Association; Claudia Wilson Randall, Executive Director, Community Development Network of Maryland; Seva Rodnyansky, Manager, Housing Policy Initiative at Pew Charitable Trusts; and Dom Butchkom, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Maryland Association of Counties.

The panelists focused on barriers to developing housing in Maryland, as well as potential solutions to address affordability and production challenges.

The recent report and panel discussion reinforce the Comptroller's commitment to providing data and analysis that support state and local policymakers as they weigh potential collaborative solutions and policy decisions regarding expanding the housing supply in Maryland.



Panelists discuss challenges and opportunities for expanding housing in Maryland on October 16, 2025. (Left-to-Right) Dani DiPietro, Director of Policy Research, Maryland Office of the Comptroller; Dominic Butchko, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Maryland Association of Counties; Lori Graf, Chief Executive Officer, Maryland Building Industry Association; Claudia Wilson Randall, Executive Director, Community Development Network of Maryland; Seva Rodnyansky, Research Manager, Housing Policy Initiative of the Pew Charitable Trusts.

[Read the Full Housing and the Economy Report](#)

[Watch the Maryland In Motion Event \(Available 10/17\)](#)

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