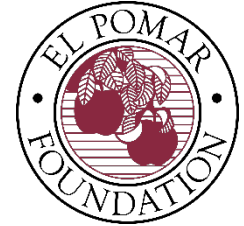


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### **El Pomar Foundation's Forum for Civic Advancement presents** **"Forum on Attainable Housing in the Pikes Peak Region"**

**Colorado Springs, CO — May 20, 2024** — El Pomar Foundation's Forum for Civic Advancement program will present a "Forum on Attainable Housing in the Pikes Peak Region" on **June 21, 2024, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.** at Penrose House Garden Pavilion (1661 Mesa Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80906). The program will convene local leaders and experts to discuss housing challenges in Colorado Springs.

The community is invited to join us for this informational event focusing on the various economic, regulatory, and community factors impacting housing challenges in Colorado Springs. Panelists will discuss attainable housing challenges and potential solutions. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., with the program beginning at 5:25 p.m. including a panel discussion followed by Q&A until 7:00 p.m. After the program there will be an informal reception with informational tables from attending organizations as well as light appetizers and beverages.

The panel will be moderated by Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer, President & CEO of the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC, and will include Jill Gaebler, Executive Director of Pikes Peak Housing Network; Thomas Garmong, President of Colorado Springs Housing & Building Association Executive Committee and Division President at Oakwood Homes; Darsey Nicklasson, President and Founder of DHN Planning and Development, LLC; Katie Sunderlin, Senior Affordable Housing Coordinator for the City of Colorado Springs; and Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Development for the City of Colorado Springs.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Space is limited. Registration and more information about the event and panelists can be found at <https://www.elpomar.org/events/attainable-housing-in-the-pikes-peak-region/>

#### **About Forum for Civic Advancement**

*Founded in 2002, El Pomar Foundation's Forum for Civic Advancement seeks and supports individuals interested in contributing to the civic health of the Pikes Peak Region. The Forum convenes speakers, elected officials and candidates, and community leaders from across our region and state to provide insights on public policy issues and help advance our civic conversation. Since 2002, this has taken shape through lectures and panels, as well as debates among candidates for elected office.*

#### **About El Pomar Foundation**

*El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$25 million annually through grants in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health, and human services, as well as community engagement and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations, including three historic properties open to the public: Penrose Heritage Museum, Penrose House Conference Center, and Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with the mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado.*

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