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# Tompkins County Housing Summit



A place for <sup>all of</sup> us.  
*Housing by choice or by chance?*

**NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

Kulp Auditorium, Ithaca High School

## WELCOME!



What does the summit's name mean? "A Place for All of Us" means we're all in this together, all directly connected to each other.

"Housing by Choice or by Chance?" points to the fact that Tompkins County is changing. Will those changes help us create the kind of community we want? Will they further our values of equity, sustainability,

and quality of life?

This summit is just the start of our conversation about housing. We need to hear from all points of view, and learn from other places and each other. Together, we can create a community that works for ALL of us. Let's get started today!

– **Martha Robertson**, *Summit Planning Committee Chair*

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## TONIGHT'S SPEAKERS

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

#### *Christopher Coes*



Based in Washington, D.C., **Christopher Coes** is Vice President for Real Estate Policy and External Affairs, Smart Growth America, and Director of Smart Growth America's LOCUS, a national coalition of real estate developers and investors who advocate for sustainable, equitable, walkable development. Along with his leadership of SGA's public policy and advocacy efforts, Coes advises the federal government and numerous cities on sustainable, equitable economic development. In addition, Coes has facilitated more than \$1 billion in new smart growth real estate deals. He is a graduate of St. John's University with a BA/MA in Government and Public Administration.



#### *Ed Marx*

As **Commissioner of Planning for Tompkins County**, Ed is a leader in shaping a sustainable future for our community. He is an expert in housing needs and is spearheading the County's Housing Strategy.

## SCHEDULE

- 7:30** *Welcome!* Martha Robertson, Tompkins County Legislator
- 7:35** *Keynote speaker* Christopher Coes, VP for Real Estate Policy and External Affairs, Smart Growth America
- 8:20** Ed Marx, Tompkins County Planning Commissioner
- 8:40** Martha – Q&A

The Summit is being livestreamed on **Facebook.com/HousingTompkins** and broadcast live on **Time Warner Government Access Channel 15**.