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The Builder Coalition launches its 2025 Affordable Housing Developer Fellowship

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Boston, MA On July 18th, The Builder Coalition (TBC) proudly launched its 2025 Affordable Housing Developer Fellowship with a day of connection, inspiration, and momentum for equitable development in Mass. The members-only event brought together state leaders, developers, alumni, and fellows for a kickoff lunch, fellowship celebration, and a guided bus tour of active affordable housing projects across Greater Boston.

Held at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building in Roxbury, the event showcased the next generation of diverse developers working to expand access to inclusive housing across the Commonwealth.

Attendees heard remarks from notable public officials, including senator Liz Miranda, state representative Russell Holmes, Sheila Dillon of the City of Boston, and Sabrina Correia of JPMorgan Chase, who emphasized the critical role that programs like this play in reshaping the region's housing landscape.

Throughout the afternoon, media and guests had the opportunity to meet with current and past TBC fellows, tour live development sites, and learn firsthand about the challenges, strategies, and innovations shaping Boston's affordable housing future.

The guided bus tour offered a rare, on-the-ground look at some of the region's most promising

affordable housing developments. Led by TBC fellows and alumni, the tour made stops at 241 Geneva Ave., 77 Harvard St., 1015 Blue Hill Ave., and 25 Fountain St. in the Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan neighborhoods. Attendees heard directly from the developers and project partners about each site's community impact, design, and financing. The tour was a standout moment of the day, offering both visibility into the real-time progress being made and a deeper appreciation for the fellowship's real-world outcomes.

The event also marked the official start of the six-month Affordable Housing Developer Fellowship, an intensive program that pairs emerging talent with industry experts and mentors to support the creation of original development proposals. Sponsored by MassHousing and JPMorgan Chase, the fellowship continues to serve as a launchpad for underrepresented professionals breaking into real estate and urban development.

"Friday's event was more than a launch, it was a celebration of the people and partnerships moving Boston forward," said Dave Madan, executive director of The Builder Coalition. "This fellowship represents a bold step toward a more inclusive future in real estate, and we're proud to support the next generation of developers leading that charge."

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