

HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ACTING COMMISSIONER AT NJAA'S OPENING GENERAL SESSION



Jacquelyn A. Suárez, the NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Acting Commissioner, will kick off NJAA's Conference & Expo as our Opening General Session Keynote Speaker on Tuesday, May 21!

As Acting Commissioner of one of the state's largest departments, Suárez is responsible for a \$1.485 billion operational budget and the administration of federal disaster relief grant funding provided through the Community Development Block Grant, COVID American Rescue Plan, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. She oversees more than 1000 employees and leads a variety of departmental programs including the divisions of Local Government Services, Housing and Community Resources, Codes and Standards, Fire Safety, Disaster Recovery and Mitigation, and the Offices of Information Privacy and Local Planning Services. Suárez also has oversight of the

Department's affiliate agencies including the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority, the Urban Enterprise Zone Authority, the New Jersey Historic Trust, and the Government Records Council.

Suárez continues to serve as the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS), a position she has held since 2021, where she provides local governments with technical and financial assistance in several areas, including shared services, purchasing, and management issues. She also oversees the review and approval of all municipal, county, and fire district budgets, works to uphold the financial integrity of local government units, and guides the conduct of local government officials.

As Director of DLGS, Suárez also serves as chair of the state's Local Finance Board, a position she has held since January 2021.

Acting Commissioner Suárez is the first Hispanic commissioner to lead the DCA.

During her presentation, she will discuss her vision for housing in New Jersey and her priorities as Acting Commissioner.

Please join us to hear from Acting Commissioner Suárez as she outlines for NJAA members her vision for housing in New Jersey!

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
12 Noon - 1:30 PM
Atlantic City Convention
Center, Hall A
Atlantic City, NJ