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## Urban Land Institute Assistance Panel providing Galveston housing action plan

### Public presentation of findings Wed., Sept. 16 at 5 pm at Hotel Galvez

**Galveston, TX**—For Immediate Release—The Urban Land Institute (ULI) panel of housing and land use experts will meet in Galveston on Sept. 15 and 16 to deliver an implementation plan for housing redevelopment on the island. A free, public presentation of the ULI action plan will be available for all interested on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 5 pm at the Hotel Galvez.

In June, a national panel of Urban Land Institute experts invited by the City of Galveston provided recommendations for several critical areas of recovery. The ULI report, available on the Web at [www.uli-houston.org](http://www.uli-houston.org), delivered three key directives:

1. Redevelop Seawall Boulevard immediately
2. Establish a redevelopment authority that makes it easier for developers to work on the island and focus on the area behind the Seawall.
3. Build a new style of affordable housing neighborhoods that are mixed-use and mixed-income, and use this new home construction as an economic driver to create up to 2,800 well paying jobs on the island.

The Galveston Long Term Recovery Committee has invited a specialized group of ULI experts to follow through on these recommendations by focusing on the immediate need to rebuild housing on the island. Its specific assignment is to create an action plan for the third point: making home-ownership available and attractive to a wider range of Galveston residents.

The Long Term Recovery Committee has assigned the ULI Technical Assistance Panel to answer these questions, as part of its planning process:

- How do we increase housing for middle-income homeowners and improve workforce and public housing in Galveston?
- How do we create incentives to spur new development and renovation of existing properties that align with the Vision as articulated in the Long-Term Community Recovery Plan and the current Galveston Comprehensive Plan?
- What is a sustainable housing development for Galveston: Where is it? What type of housing? What is the price point? When / how should it be built? Who should build it?
- How do we increase the percentage of home ownership in Galveston?
- How do we unify ULI panel recommendations, Galveston Long Term Recovery Committee's recommendations, CDBG request and other plans to come up with a unified mixed income, mixed use development plan?

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For more information on the Galveston Long Term Recovery Committee's invitation to the ULI Technical Assistance Panel on Sept. 15-16, please contact Citizens Recovery Committee Chairperson Betty Massey, (409) 765-9770 or via email at [b.massey@northernendowment.org](mailto:b.massey@northernendowment.org)

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