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Leadership Breakfast

MACDC members, friends and colleagues came together on November 16 to celebrate MACDC's 25th anniversary at the ICA Museum in Boston. Nearly 200 people joined us to honor our founders and the many people who have contributed to MACDC's successes over the years. Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino presented MACDC with a proclamation in honor of our anniversary and the state Secretary for Housing and Economic Development, Dan O'Connell shared his appreciation for the work that MACDC and its members do across the state. MACDC President Joseph Kriesberg shared his reflections on MACDC's past and outlined our agenda for the future.

The event was also a tremendous fundraising success as we raised over \$100,000 in sponsorships and ticket sales – funds that we will be able to dedicate to helping community development corporations throughout the state reach their goals of creating affordable housing and stimulating local economies. MACDC wishes to thank our leadership sponsor, Bank of America and our major sponsors, State Street Financial, Citizens Bank, Bank of New York/Mellon and LISC. [To see a full listing of our sponsors, please click here.](#)

LIFT Campaign- Foreclosure Prevention Bill becomes Law

Late last week, An Act Protecting and Preserving Homeownership became law. Chapter 206 is based on legislation filed by MACDC and the Foreclosure Prevention Coalition including CHAPA, the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, the Massachusetts Nonprofit Housing Association and the National Consumer Law Center.

The law is the most comprehensive foreclosure prevention statute in the United States. It creates a first in the country CRA for mortgage companies and establishes \$2 million for community based grants to locally address foreclosures.

Power Journal: Reception and Readings

Reception and Readings; January 23, 2007 at MACDC

The Journal of Community Power Building or "Power Journal" was originally a publication of the Ricans Hadrian Initiative for Community Organizing (RHICO). For over ten years RHICO, provided resources, technical assistance and learning opportunities for CDCs engaged in power building. The Power Journal, includes stories from the community development field written by staff, board members, leaders and program participants. In the current issue, we explore: empowerment. **As practitioners, when we talk about building relationships and revitalizing our communities, we almost always mention empowerment. Empowering communities and empowering people. We use empower so frequently that we can take its meaning for granted, and never fully understand the relationships that we have created when we empower others, become empowered ourselves, or build power together. But these relationships can be fragile, as we bring into them our own needs, expectations, and abilities and must mediate these with the needs, expectations, and abilities of others. Seven writers responded to the call for papers and several will be present on January 23rd to read from their essays. For more information on the reception or to order a copy of the journal, please contact Shirrondaa@macdc.org**
