

Sen. Pichardo receives Partners in Housing Award from Rhode Island Housing

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STATE HOUSE - In recognition of his ongoing leadership and commitment to addressing the housing needs of all Rhode Islanders, Rhode Island Housing will be presenting the Partners in Housing Award to Sen. Juan M. Pichardo (D-Dist. 2, Providence).

"As chairman of the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, Senator Pichardo has been a strong voice for housing, particularly in his support for a housing bond," said Rhode Island Housing Executive Director Barbara Fields.

Senator Pichardo introduced legislation (2016-S 2446) earlier this session that would provide for a bond referendum which would authorize the issuance of bonds for affordable housing in the amount of \$100,000,000 at the election to be held on November 8, 2016. The legislation, if approved by the General Assembly and by Rhode Island voters, would provide state funds to promote affordable housing through redevelopment of existing structures, or new construction.

"It is an honor to receive this award," said Senator Pichardo. "Public housing is something that has always been near and dear to my heart, and it's gratifying to see those efforts recognized by Rhode Island Housing. This bond on the ballot will go a long way toward helping people who are still bearing the burden of the housing crisis."

The award will be presented during a ceremony on Tuesday, April 26, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the State Room on the second floor of the State House.