

WORKING AGENDA - UPDATED 1/6/25

## **WWRAG HOUSING SOLUTIONS TOWN HALL**

**Sat, Jan 18 9:00 am – noon @ WSEC (500 Washington St, Chelsea, MI)**

### *Volunteer Schedule:*

*Set up: Fri, Jan 17 – 3 -4 pm - volunteers will help with room set up*

*Set up: Sat, Jan 18 – 8:30 am – volunteers for welcome table, food, etc. – speakers arrive*

*Clean up: Sat, Jan 18 @ noon – break down room*

## **AGENDA**

9:00           **Welcome** - Jane Pacheco, City of Chelsea Mayor

9:10 - 9:30   **Housing Challenges in Western Washtenaw County**

Paul Montagno, City of Chelsea; Michell Aniol, City of Dexter; Tara Cohen, Office of Community and Economic Development - Washtenaw County

9:30 - 10:10 **Example #1 – What is a Cooperative?**

Kate Redman, Co-Executive Director, [Commongrounds Cooperative](#)

Traverse City's innovative, mixed-use community center with workforce housing, common areas, and mission-driven organizations serving community through food, family, arts, and wellness.

10:10 - 10:50 - **Example #2 – Working with Communities to Fit their Aesthetic**

Craig Patterson, Senior Vice President, [Woda Cooper Companies, Inc.](#)

Woda Cooper creates stylish, attractive properties designed to fit the communities in which they are built. Woda has developed 41 affordable communities in Michigan since they entered the market in 2005.

10:50 - 11:30 - **Example #3 - Community Capital can Fund Housing Solutions**

Chris Miller, [National Coalition for Community Capital](#)

Community capital is a set of strategies that allows people of any economic status to invest in their community, including housing projects.

11:30 - 12:00 - **Q&A**