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****Media Advisory for Wednesday, May 18, at 11:00 a.m.**** **House Democrats & Community Advocate to Hold Press Conference on Renters' Issues Ahead of Special Session**

TALLAHASSEE -- Tomorrow, May 18, at 11:00 a.m., **Representatives Anna V. Eskamani (D-Orlando), Ben Diamond (D-St. Petersburg), and Angie Nixon (D-Jacksonville)**, as well as **Adrian Alberto Madriz**, Executive Director of Struggle for Miami's Affordable and Sustainable Housing (SMASH), will hold a virtual press conference to bring attention to steps the Legislature could take to address the ongoing affordable housing crisis for renters in Florida. While rents across the country have increased by an average of 14% over the last year, Florida leads the [nation](#) with an average 30% increase statewide.

Last month, 28 Democrats sent a letter to Governor Ron DeSantis calling for him to expand the special session next week on property insurance to include bipartisan solutions for renters also being priced out of their homes. Regardless of whether they own a home or rent, Florida's housing crisis is affecting workers and seniors throughout the state and it is time to take action.

A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

All speakers will be available for questions upon the conclusion of remarks.

Adrian Alberto Madrid from SMASH is available for questions in English or Spanish.

The Zoom link for the event can be found here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81249288855>

Who: Representative Anna V. Eskamani

District 47

Representative Ben Diamond

District 68

Representative Angie Nixon

District 14

Adrian Alberto Madriz

Executive Director, Struggle for Miami's Affordable and Sustainable Housing

What: Virtual press conference

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