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Bipartisan Policy Center to Launch Housing Commission *Former HUD Secretaries and Senators to craft detailed vision for the future of U.S. housing policy*

Washington, D.C. – The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) will launch a bipartisan Housing Commission on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 1:00PM ET in Washington, D.C.

After providing an overview of the Commission, former Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Henry Cisneros and Mel Martinez, also a former U.S. Senator, former Senator Kit Bond, and former Senator and BPC Founder George Mitchell, will participate in a moderated panel discussion with former U.S. Representative Rick Lazio and take questions from the audience.

The bipartisan Commission will develop consensus recommendations on the most effective way to meet the future housing needs of an increasingly diverse American society. BPC's Housing Commission will include some of the nation's leading housing experts and will develop a comprehensive, politically viable plan for consideration by the administration and Congress.

Robert Gallucci, president of the MacArthur Foundation, BPC President Jason Grumet, and Pamela Patenaude, former HUD Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development and now director of BPC's Housing Commission, will also make remarks at the event.

WHO: Former Secretary Henry Cisneros
Former Senators Kit Bond, Mel Martinez and George Mitchell

WHAT: Launch of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Housing Commission

WHEN: Wednesday, October 26, 2011
Press conference begins at 1:00PM ET

WHERE: Bipartisan Policy Center
1225 I Street NW
Suite 1000, 10th floor
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 204-2400

The event is open to press, but space is limited. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to press@bipartisanpolicy.org. Press set up begins at 12:00PM.

Reporters unable to attend in person can submit questions to press@bipartisanpolicy.org or by tweeting @BPC_Bipartisan with the hashtag #BPCHousing.

The event will also be webcast live [here](#).

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About the Bipartisan Policy Center:

Founded in 2007 by former Senate Majority Leaders Howard Baker, Tom Daschle, Bob Dole and George Mitchell, the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) is a non-profit organization that drives principled solutions through rigorous analysis, reasoned negotiation, and respectful dialogue. With projects in multiple issue areas, BPC combines politically-balanced policymaking with strong, proactive advocacy and outreach. For more information, please visit our website: www.bipartisanpolicy.org.