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COUNCIL VP HARRIS HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL SENIOR SUMMIT

Rochester City Council Vice President LaShay D. Harris Saturday hosted the second annual ROC Senior Estate Planning Summit, in collaboration with Mayor Malik D. Evans and Senior Expressions Founder/CEO Martha Hope.

"Too many of our city's older adults have been starved of the resources necessary to plan for their estates and create generational wealth," Council Vice President Harris said. "When I hosted the first Senior Estate Planning Summit, I vowed to help make sure wealth stays with Rochester's families where it can be passed along to the next generation."

The event, which brought more than 100 Rochester residents together at the Rochester Convention Center, focused on crucial topics related to aging like wills, identity theft protection and banking. Attendees learned from a series of lectures and were given the opportunity to interface with vendors offering advice and resources related to aging.

"This event was planned to empower Rochester's aging residents to take charge of their estate planning, and preserve their legacy," Senior Expressions Founder and CEO Martha Hope said. "As the CEO of Senior Expressions, I'm committed to supporting the wellbeing of seniors through mental health awareness, empowerment and increased access to resources."

The Second Annual ROC Senior Estate Planning Summit continues to be a successful avenue for City Council, City officials and advocacy groups to reach one of Rochester's most vulnerable populations. In its second year, the event proved to be an even larger success than the inaugural summit.

"I am proud to join City Councilmember LaShay Harris and Senior Expressions, Inc. to provide our residents with critical information to protect their wealth and establish their legacies for future generations," said Mayor Malik D. Evans. "The experts gathered at the Senior Estate Planning Summit will help our seniors, and those who care about them, anticipate and prepare for inevitable end-of-life expenses and avoid unexpected costs. I want to thank all of the presenters for agreeing to participate in this summit and advance our vision to create a safe, equitable and prosperous Rochester by inspiring hope and delivering opportunity for everyone."

"I'd like to thank and congratulate Vice President Harris for devoting herself to the wellbeing of Rochester's aging population," **City Council President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.** said. "With this work, we're able to help Rochester families create, and keep, generational wealth."

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