

# NATIONAL LAW CENTER ON HOMELESSNESS & POVERTY

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## NFL Player Vernon Davis, U.S. Senator Cory Booker to Be Honored at Annual McKinney-Vento Awards for Dedication to Ending Homelessness

The McKinney-Vento Awards, hosted by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, is an annual event to recognize individuals and organizations that have advanced solutions to homelessness and poverty in the United States.

**WHO:** The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty (the “Law Center”), the only national organization dedicated to using the power of the law to prevent and end homelessness, will be honoring **Vernon Davis** of the National Football League’s Washington Redskins; U.S. Senator **Cory Booker** of New Jersey; the law firm of **Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLC**; and homeless advocate **Juanita Rocha** of Laredo, Texas. ABC News reporter **Stephanie Ramos** will serve as emcee.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Reception at 6:00pm; awards ceremony at 7:00pm.

**WHERE:** The Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel, Metropolitan Room, 415 New Jersey Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001

**WHY:** The annual McKinney-Vento Awards Reception annually pays tribute to two outstanding leaders, Reps. Stewart B. McKinney (R-CT) and Bruce F. Vento (D-MN), the primary sponsors of landmark legislation providing federal assistance to Americans experiencing homelessness. This year, we also honor the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act and recognize individuals leading the effort to prevent and end homelessness in America. Maria Foscarinis, the Law Center’s founder, helped lead the campaign for the Act’s passage.

**CONTACT:** Members of the press who would like more information or to obtain a press badge to the event should contact Maggie Ardiente, director of development and communications, at 202-638-2535 ext. 108 or [mardiente@nlchp.org](mailto:mardiente@nlchp.org).

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*[The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty](#) (the Law Center) is the only national organization dedicated solely to using the power of the law to prevent and end homelessness. With the support of a large network of pro bono lawyers, we address the immediate and long-term needs of people who are homeless or at risk through outreach and training, advocacy, impact litigation, and public education.*