

# Unlocking Potential: Thomas J. Powell to Speak on the Impact of ADU Research at Upcoming Event

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[EINPresswire.com/](https://EINPresswire.com/) -- Renowned financier and housing policy expert Dr. Thomas J. Powell will serve as a key panelist at the upcoming event "Unlocking Potential: Recent ADU Research and Its Impact on Policy & Development," organized by the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation. This discussion will center on Dr. Powell's influential research regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and their potential role in addressing middle-income housing shortages in rural resort regions. The event promises valuable insights from experts across various sectors, highlighting the relevance of this research in shaping future housing policies and development strategies.



Thomas J Powell

Dr. Powell, Senior Advisor at Brehon Strategies and a serial entrepreneur with nearly four decades of experience in banking, finance, and private equity, is set to share the findings from his doctoral thesis, "Barriers to Implementing Accessory Dwelling Units for Middle-Income Workforce Housing in a Rural Resort Community." His research provides deep insights into the socio-economic and policy barriers affecting ADU implementation in Truckee, California, and offers strategic solutions to address the "missing middle" housing gap.

Key Insights from Dr. Powell's Research:

1. A survey of 742 homeowners in Truckee revealed that while awareness of ADU regulations is high, concerns about financial feasibility, privacy, and bureaucratic hurdles significantly deter homeowners from pursuing ADU projects.

2. Bureaucratic delays and unforeseen costs, particularly related to inflation and construction material shortages, were identified as key factors contributing to the abandonment of ADU projects by many homeowners.

3. Dr. Powell emphasizes the need for knowledge-based initiatives and streamlined permitting processes to encourage ADU development, which could be a critical solution to retaining the local workforce and fostering long-term community sustainability.



Dr. Powell's presentation will offer practical recommendations for policymakers, developers, and homeowners, aiming to reduce these barriers and unlock the potential of ADUs in solving the housing crisis.

About Thomas J. Powell: Dr. Thomas J. Powell holds a Doctor of Law and Policy from Northeastern University and is a seasoned international financier. He has spent his career developing financial strategies and solutions, particularly focusing on housing challenges in rural resort communities. As a native of the Sierra Nevada region, Dr. Powell brings both a personal and professional perspective to his work, and his research into ADUs is a testament to his commitment to solving critical housing issues.

About the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation: The Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation is dedicated to strengthening the community by providing resources and solutions that promote sustainability and quality of life in the Truckee-Tahoe region. The foundation actively supports initiatives that address housing, workforce retention, and long-term community well-being.

Join us for this insightful discussion on the future of ADUs and their potential to reshape housing policy and development in Truckee and beyond.

For more information or to RSVP, visit: <https://www.ttcf.net/housing/unlocking-potential-recent-adu-research-and-its-impact-on-policy-and-development/>

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