



# Contra Costa Housing Summit

Monday, March 26, 2018

## SPEAKER INFORMATION

### Welcoming Remarks & Opening Speaker

**Mariana Moore** is Director of the Ensuring Opportunity Campaign to End Poverty in Contra Costa. She has held a variety of roles in the nonprofit sector and also served as an organizational development consultant.

**Colleen Isenberg** serves as District Representative for Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, who represents District IV (central county).

**Mary Fenelon** is a member of the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition and co-chairs their Housing & Shelter Task Force. A long-time community advocate, she serves on the board of Trinity Center in Walnut Creek and is active with East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, and the Coalition for a Vibrant and Inclusive Walnut Creek.

**Elizabeth Kneebone** is Research Director for the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley and also serves as a senior fellow for the Metropolitan Policy Program at The Brookings Institution. She is co-author (with Alan Berube) of *Confronting Suburban Poverty in America* (Brookings Press, 2013), which addresses the changing geography of metropolitan poverty and offers pragmatic solutions for increasing access to opportunity. Her work focuses on urban and suburban poverty, metropolitan demographics, and tax policies that support low-income workers and communities.

### Panel: The heart of the housing crisis

**Zuleika Godinez** is Policy Coordinator for Ensuring Opportunity. She previously served as a Policy Fellow for the Center for Community Change in Washington, D.C., where she worked with advocacy, labor and research organizations to improve economic outcomes for low-income families and communities of color.

**Stephanie Sequeira** serves as SparkPoint's site coordinator at Dover Elementary School in Richmond. A longtime parent leader, she teaches leadership skills to parents at several local schools.

**Ella Jones** is a long-time advocate for issues affecting seniors. She volunteers with the Senior Center in San Pablo and with Choice in Aging, and is a past member of the Contra Costa County Advisory Council On Aging.

**Raphael Wood** is a resident of Contra Costa Interfaith Housing in Pleasant Hill. He volunteers with a number of local homeless shelters and programs.

## Panel: What role do housing bonds play in solving the housing crisis?

**Amie Fishman** is Executive Director of Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California (NPH), comprising 750 members who support, build and finance affordable housing. In addition to legislative advocacy, NPH offers technical assistance, public policy development, professional training, networking opportunities and resources for housing policy analysts, advocates and activists.

**Nikki Beasley** is Executive Director of Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services, a nonprofit founded in the 1980s to address housing inequities created by redlining and other discriminatory practices. She previously served as licensed financial professional in the retail banking, insurance and investment industries.

**Gloria Bruce** is Executive Director of East Bay Housing Organizations, an advocacy coalition promoting affordable housing in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Prior to joining EBHO, Gloria worked at The San Francisco Foundation, making grants to support affordable housing, safety net services, and neighborhood revitalization. She chairs the Alameda County Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee and serves on the Every One Home Leadership Board.

**Kara Douglas** serves as Assistant Deputy Director for Contra Costa County's Department of Conservation and Development. She oversees the county's affordable housing programs.

**Josh Huber** is Policy Director for East Bay Leadership Council, a public policy advocacy organization with hundreds of business and nonprofit members. He also serves as Director of Research and Projects at the Contra Costa Economic Partnership. He previously worked for Congressman Eric Swalwell and led the Fremont Redevelopment Agency's Public Infrastructure and Civic Facilities Program.

## Panel: What's working? Promising local strategies for creating communities where everyone has a home

**Mia Carbajal** serves as Advocacy and Programs Associate for East Bay Housing Organizations, an advocacy coalition promoting affordable housing in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Her advocacy focuses on improving housing stability for low-income communities of color in her native Bay Area.

**Annette Balter** is Senior Resource Director in Contra Costa County for Covia, formerly known as Episcopal Senior Communities. She previously served as a health education specialist for Solano County, Marin County and Kaiser Permanente.

**Rachele Trigueros** is Policy Manager for the Bay Area Council, a business-sponsored, public policy advocacy organization for the nine-county Bay Area. She support the Council's Housing Policy work, leading the effort to expand accessory dwelling units across the state. She also leads the Council's Workforce Diversity & Inclusion initiatives, including the Bay Area Young Men of Color Employment Partnership (BAYEP). She is currently a fellow of the California Stewardship Network.

**Melvin Willis** is a Community Organizer for the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), a statewide, member-led community organization with more than 10,000 members across California. He is also a member of the Richmond City Council.

### **What is happening at the state and federal level that will impact the local housing crisis?**

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### **Fireside chat on health, housing and equity**

**Melissa Jones** is Executive Director of the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII), a coalition of eleven public health departments committed to advancing health equity. She also serves on the Association of Bay Area Government's Regional Planning Committee. Before joining BARHII, she held various leadership roles with Boston's Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC), the City of Alameda, and the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth.

**Lavonna Martin** is the Director of the Health, Housing & Homeless Services division of the Contra Costa County Health Services Department. For the past 20 years, she has held successive leadership roles in county government, all focused on preventing and ending homelessness. Prior to joining the County, she held a variety of roles in the nonprofit sector.

**Tony Roshan Samara** is Program Director of Land Use and Housing for Urban Habitat. Before joining Urban Habitat he was an associate professor of sociology at George Mason University. He has conducted extensive research focused on the politics of development and the marginalization of low-income communities, with an emphasis on housing, gentrification and displacement.

### **Closing**

**Candace Andersen** has represented District II on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors since 2012, and served as Chair of the Board in 2016. Her district includes San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Canyon, Rossmoor, Parkmead, Saranap and a portion of Walnut Creek. She served on the Danville Town Council from 2003 to 2012, including two terms as Mayor.

**John Gioia** has represented District I on the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors since 1998. His district encompasses the western region of the county, including Richmond, El Cerrito, San Pablo and Pinole and the unincorporated communities of North Richmond, Kensington and El Sobrante. Before joining the Board of Supervisors, he served for 10 years on the East Bay Municipal Utility District Board, including serving as President in 1995 and 1996.

**Fran Biderman** is Training and Program Support Coordinator for First 5 Contra Costa, where she leads the Family Economic Security Partnership. She is also the Coordinator of the Bay Area Early Childhood Funders, an association of foundations, public funders and private donors focusing on improving the lives of young children and their families.

**Melody Howe Weintraub** is Co-Convener of the Multi-faith ACTION Coalition, which brings together Contra Costa County residents and faith communities to address the root causes of poverty through advocacy and public policy change. She previously worked as a political consultant through her firm, Winning Results. She has been actively engaged as a community leader and volunteer for many years, including with Shelter Inc.'s Project Hearth program.