



# Contra Costa Housing Summit

Monday, June 3, 2019

## SPEAKER INFORMATION

### Welcoming Remarks



**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.

### Keynote Presentation Making the Case for Housing



**Dr. Tiffany Manuel** is the President and CEO of The Case Made, a public benefit corporation dedicated to helping leaders powerfully and intentionally make the case for systems change. In this role, Dr. Manuel works with hundreds of passionate social change leaders, changemakers and innovators around the United States who are building better, stronger communities that are diverse, equitable and inclusive. Trained as a social scientist, she is committed to building the capacity of changemakers and leaders to grow their social impact. Learn more about Dr. Manuel's work at: [www.DrTiffanyManuel.com](http://www.DrTiffanyManuel.com).

### Panel: It Takes a Village to Find Comprehensive Housing Solutions



**Megan Joseph** is the Executive Director of Rise Together Bay Area. She has spent over 15 years working with communities to shift systems and policies that are no longer working through leadership development, advocacy and multi-sector collaboration. Megan is deeply committed to equity and dignity for all and believes economic opportunity is at the core of creating thriving, safe and healthy communities.



**Rebecca Long** serves as MTC/ABAG's Government Relations Manager, responsible for developing and implementing the annual legislative strategy. She develops and maintains relationships with legislators and staff in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. and testifies at committee hearings on MTC's behalf.



**Pedro Galvao** is the Senior Policy Manager at Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California. He leads NPH's regional work, building coalitions across the Bay Area and conducting innovative policy research to make the Bay Area a more affordable place to live.



**Debra Bernstein** is the Executive Director of Monument Impact, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to building skills, resources and power within immigrant, refugee and low-income communities in Concord.



**Scott Littlehale** is a Senior Research-Analyst for the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council, where he leads a team of researchers that is dedicated to enhancing understanding of the construction industry, its workforce, and its wage dynamics.

### Panel: Achieving Opportunity for Ourselves, Our Families, and Our Communities



**Camille LeBlanc** is an AmeriCorps VISTA Member serving with Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH). Her one year project has been to develop and manage the Resident Empowerment Program (REP) in its initial year.



**Lori Goss** is a resident of CCIH's Garden Park Apartments in Pleasant Hill and a participant of REP. She is thankful for all that CCIH has done for her life and now wants to give back to her community and the cause by sharing her story and influencing decision makers.



**Irma Boddien** is an affordable housing resident in Concord and a client of CCIH. She participates in REP and as "The Mayor" of her apartment site, she seeks to advocate for her neighbors and make a difference for all struggling with housing insecurity.



**William Goodwin** is an affordable housing resident in Pittsburg and a client of CCIH. He participates in CCIH's Resident Empowerment Program and is a strong proponent of civic engagement. William is a community advocate and participates in Pittsburg Unified's School Site Council.



**Justine Rawlings** is a resident of Garden Park Apartments in Pleasant Hill. She recently graduated from UC Berkeley with a Master of Social Welfare degree.

### Panel: Building on the Power of Partnerships



**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.



**Angela Jenkins** serves as the Director of Strategic Initiatives at Kaiser Permanente for Northern California where she is responsible for the region's Community Health Strategy, an effort designed to leverage all of Kaiser Permanente's unique assets to improve community health.



**Georgette Bhatena** is the Director of Partnership for the Bay's Future at the San Francisco Foundation. In this role, she works cross all of the Partnership's stakeholders that are working together to protect, preserve and produce housing that's connected to jobs and transit.



**Ray Bramson** is the Chief Impact Officer at Destination: Home. He is working to develop targeted investment and engagement strategies to end homelessness in Santa Clara County. Having focused on homelessness and housing issues for the majority of his career, Ray most recently worked for the City of San Jose, leading the City's Homelessness Interventions and Solutions Division for the past five years.



**Jim Becker** is the President and CEO of RCF Connects, formerly Richmond Community Foundation. He's held this title since February 2014 and previously worked as the foundation's vice president of community investments, for nearly nine years.



**Bill Lindsay** has 35 years of local government experience through his service in four cities in the San Francisco Bay area, and served as the City Manager of Richmond for over thirteen years. During Bill's tenure in Richmond, the community experienced what was touted as a "renaissance," with the city organization emphasizing a broad mission of community health.

### Panel: The Power of Story to Change Minds and Inspire Action



**Reuben "Tih" Hayslett** is a queer activist, writer and storyteller who has been a part of the CSS training network since his first Advanced Training in 2015. While working as an online campaigner for the Working Families Party, Tih won consumer campaigns against Netflix, UPS, and worked with a coalition to remove David Koch from the Boards of the Smithsonian and PBS. He currently works at Demand Progress, leading online campaigns in the tech sector focusing on privacy and human rights.

### Closing



**Rev. Fred Weidmann** was born in England and raised in New York. Rev. Weidmann is now happy to call the Bay Area home and to be the Senior Minister of Hillcrest Congregational Church. Among the things that attracted him to Hillcrest were the words of our Hillcrest Covenant: "Responding to God's love and will, we unite in striving to walk in the way of Jesus Christ...." As pastor and teacher, Fred enjoys working with others to experience God in their lives and answer God's call to serve.