



FOCUS on Bay Area Housing

June 28th, 2007

Gaia Building

2116 Allston Way, Berkeley

9:00 Registration, coffee and breakfast treats

9:30 Welcome: Tom Bates, Mayor, City of Berkeley

9:40 Keynote: Carol Galante, CEO, Bridge Housing, on creating and sustaining collaborations between local governments and non-profits to build affordable housing. Remarks will be followed by audience discussion.

9:55 A Place to Call Home 2007: Gillian Adams, ABAG Regional Planner findings from ABAG's housing report including the Regional Housing Needs Allocation methodology. She will also address barriers to housing production and ways of promoting housing choice.

10:05 Regional Housing Needs: State Law, Regional Needs, & Local Challenges
Panelists will discuss state housing policy, the regional policy rationale behind the RHNA methodology, and local challenges meeting state and regional housing policy objectives.

Moderator:

Christy Riviere, ABAG Senior Planner

Panelists:

Linda Wheaton, Assistant Deputy Director Ca. Department of Housing and Community Development

Paul Fassinger, ABAG Research Director

Dan Marks, City of Berkeley, Planning & Development Director

Douglas Shoemaker, San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing

11:10 Break

11: 25 Best Practices Developing Affordable Housing Programs: A group of panelists from around the Bay will discuss their strategies for collaboration in building affordable housing. They will offer tried and true methods for overcoming community resistance and other obstacles.

Moderator:

Steve Sanders, Housing Program Director Institute for Local Governments

Panelists:

Carol Galante, CEO, Bridge Housing

John Lucero, Housing Specialist, City of Dublin

Rick Holliday, President, Holliday Development

Troy Fujimoto, Senior Planner, City of Pleasant Hill

12:30 FOCUS on Bay Area Housing: Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director, will provide an overview of the FOCUS effort and why housing is central to its success.

12:45 Adjourn

