

Affordable Housing in Marin: What You Need to Know

Panel Discussion with Local Leaders on Issues, Insights and Innovations

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Rebekah Helzel, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

Mt. Tam Community Land Trust



In 2005, Ms. Helzel founded the ARCH Community Housing Trust in Blaine County, Idaho which has more than 200 homes for a diverse workforce. She is focused on local housing and racial inequity, serving on the leadership team of the Friends of Golden Gate Village in Marin City and as a Showing Up for Racial Justice organizer. Her other recent board work includes: Vice Chair of the Advisory Council of the UC Lawrence Hall of Science, the Board of Directors of Presidio Graduate School, and outside Loan Committee at Pacific Community Ventures. Ms. Helzel has over 20 years experience in capital markets.

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Bianca Neumann, Director of Development, Northern California

EAH Housing



Ms. Neumann is responsible for growing the new construction pipeline for EAH Housing throughout Northern California. She brings more than 15 years of related experience to this position, including expertise in finance, public policy, asset management, and multi-family development. Most recently, Ms. Neumann was a senior business development manager at MidPen Housing, where she played a vital role in securing eight new affordable housing communities throughout the Bay Area, including San Francisco's first affordable educator housing development.

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Jennifer Silva, Board Chair

Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative



Ms. Silva is the Board Chair for the Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative where she has volunteered since 2021. Previously, she volunteered for the Campaign for Fair Housing Elements and served on the Sausalito Housing Element Advisory Committee. As a housing advocate, she has spoken at numerous public meetings and written Marin Voice (Marin IJ) columns about equity, housing, and education. She was an entrepreneur and CEO, most recently, leading Sheet Music Plus and Sign Up For Camp (now ActivityHero).

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Dick Spotswood, Moderator



Mr. Spotswood is the politics and government columnist for the Marin IJ. He is a former Mill Valley city council member and three-term mayor. He was a Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District director and is the former president of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley, Mountain Play Association, Marin Forum, and College of Marin Foundation. He is chair emeritus of the bipartisan San Francisco-based political discussion group, The Sacramento Seminar, and a retired attorney.

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Affordable housing in Marin presents a multifaceted challenge.

However, amidst this complexity, numerous organizations and dedicated individuals are actively pursuing solutions. To join this crucial endeavor, we encourage you to explore websites, subscribe to newsletters, and participate in events.

By educating ourselves on the intricacies of the issue and developing informed perspectives, we empower ourselves to contribute meaningfully to positive change for our community.

Front Porch with Home Match
frontporch.net

Grounded Solutions Network
groundedsolutions.org

**Habitat for Humanity
of Greater San Francisco**
habitatgsf.org

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
lincolninst.edu

n2 ADU
n2adu.com

Othering & Belonging Institute
belonging.berkeley.edu

**Marin County Community
Development Agency**
marincounty.org/depts/cd
Housing > Affordable Housing

Policy Link
policylink.org

**Terner Center
for Housing Innovation**
turnercenter.berkeley.edu

The Outdoor Art Club
youtube.com/@outdoorartclub
“Mandated Housing in Mill Valley”

USA.Gov Rental Housing Programs
usa.gov/rental-housing-programs

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we amplify our capacity for collective action.*

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