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Catalysts Housing Policy Lobby Day in Sacramento Frequently Asked Questions

1. When and where is Lobby Day? **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**, at the state Capitol in Sacramento.
 - Tuesday, April 4, 5-6:30 pm. Zoom Orientation Meeting
 - Wednesday, April 12, 5-6pm. Zoom Debrief Meeting
2. Who can participate in Lobby Day? Anyone who is concerned about state overreach into housing and land use planning. The ideal team will have at least one representative from the legislator's district and teams can include 4-6 people. An ideal team will include an elected official and community leaders. Additional constituents can be part of the core team.
3. What do Lobby Teams do? Teams will meet with legislators or their aide, housing committee members, and lead staff and consultants. Catalysts will arrange the schedule for the day to allow for 5-6 meetings of 20-25 minutes each in the legislator's office. Each team will have a pre-arranged sequence of topics, talking points, and a leave-behind flyer.
4. What is the purpose? To foster dialogue among state legislators and locally elected officials and community leaders. We'll sit down face-to-face with Sacramento decision-makers. We'll convey the concerns with recent housing policy that promotes top-down, one-size-fits-all solutions, comment about upcoming housing bills, and offer solutions.
5. Do I need to be an expert in housing legislation to participate? No, but being knowledgeable about state laws and how state housing policy is impacting your community is a plus.
6. What should I expect?
 - 8:45 am - Gathering in lobbyist Rand Martin's office. Give yourself plenty of time to drive to the Capitol, park, and find our group. Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation and covering their own expenses.
 - 9:00 – Orientation review and Q&A
 - 9:30 -- Walk to the Capitol
 - 10:00--First of 2-3 morning meetings
 - Noon – Informal gathering in the cafeteria
 - 1:00 or 1:30. Two or three more meetings
 - 3:30 - Return home or stick around for informal discussion at a location TBA
7. What should I bring? Bring your passion, knowledge, and experience. Wear comfortable shoes and professional attire. Consider bringing water, snacks, and your cell phone to take pictures.

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