



2023 Highlights & Year in Review

GOAL: Increase capacity to influence housing policy, assure *affordable* housing, protect the environment, and restore local control.

STRATEGIES: Educate, Engage, Empower, Expand

Your participation makes a difference!

Lobbying

- **Spring Lobby Day** – 22 participants in 4 teams w/2 90-minute capacity-building workshops had 15-min. meetings w/26 legislators/aides w/handout re: RHNA, legislation, and risk; w/coverage in 6 media outlets (Leon Hunting, Kathy Indermill, Linda Harmeson)
- **October In-District Lobby Week** – 65 constituents in 11 teams w/4 90-minute capacity-building workshops had 30-min. meetings w/12 legislators w/handout re: HCD/RHNA audit

Legislation

- Prioritized 5 bills (SB4, SB423, AB1485, ACA1, ACA10), discussed on Catalyst Calls, wrote letters/templates, Lorber w/Korley
- Live and Zoom presentations to groups around the state, Linda Koelling
- Town Halls
 - *How Housing Laws Sabotage Affordable Unit Construction*, Amy Kalish, Citizen Marin, Nov. 27
 - *The Housing Supply Crisis: The State's False Narrative that Supports Investor Profit*, Marc Verville, United Neighbors, Nov 15
 - *Housing Legislation Update*, Pam Lee, Partner, Aleshire & Wynder

- *Is there Fundamental Validity to the RHNA Construct?* Marc Verville, Oct 2

Litigation

- *Update on Housing Litigation*, Pam Lee, Attorney, Aleshire & Wynder, Nov. 9
- Goal to recruit 10 co-plaintiffs: Jurisdictions said they fear it is too risky, too expensive, threat of state retaliation, withheld funds

Media

- Catalysts author/attribution in 25 print sources
- From 0 to 108 – Facebook members, Stefanie Cho
- Monthly 20-minute interviews on Sonoma Radio KSVY

Network

- Participate in meetings of like-minded groups:
 - CA Alliance of Local Electeds (Sundays, 4-6 pm), Julie Testa
 - Citizen Marin, Amy Kalish
 - Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods, Charles Head
 - Our Neighborhood Voices (Tuesdays, 2 pm), Susan Candell
 - CA Cities for Local Control (Thursdays, 5-6 pm), Mike Griffiths
 - Livable California (every other Saturday, 10 am), Keith Gurnee
 - Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning, Suzanne Keehn
 - United Neighbors/Los Angeles, Maria Kalban
- Leadership Mentor: Dominican University, Aug-Dec
- Research cost of housing elements, Ann Duwe, Conan Putnam
- Individual calls, coaching, coffees

Services - all volunteer!

- Established 501(c)(3) status to give tax-deductions for donations
- Up-to-date website w/news and resources, Maury Green
- 50 Monday night Catalysts Calls; avg attendance up to 35; high of 72

- Explored without results (yet): 1) writing legislation; 2) “Shine a Light on RHNA: Make the Audit Count” (March-June), 3) Find a legislator champion to initiate a full HCD/RHNA Audit in 2024 (July-Dec)
- History of Catalysts: 2020-2023, Ray Lorber, published on Amazon