



The Great Housing Challenge: WHAT MATTERS TO CONSTITUENTS?

A 4-part Town Hall Series on Zoom (August-November)

Thursday nights, 5:00-6:30 pm

The California Dream is collapsing into a California Nightmare! Legislators have passed 150 laws since 2017, without increasing the supply of affordable housing. Evidence shows conditions are getting worse. **What matters?** Affordable housing, of course. And also safety, taxes, elections, and the constitution.

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Date	Topic	Presenters
Th, Aug 15	Safety Matters! State-imposed density increases fire risk which increases insurance costs. How one Sonoma community is fighting back. You can, too.	Amy Kalish , president, Citizen Marin, and (invited) Carolyn Scott , filmmaker “Small is Beautiful: The Quest to Save Valley of the Moon (Sonoma)”
Th, Sept 19	Taxes Matter! Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA): Regional Measure 4 (RM4) on the Nov. ballot. <i>\$20B Reasons to Vote No</i>	Tom Rubin , CPA, President of <i>20 BILLION Reasons to Vote No on the Bay Area Housing Tax</i> and invited others
Th, Oct 17	Elections Matter! Learn from three candidates running for state assembly on issues of affordable housing and local control. They are challenging incumbents who align with their Sacramento peer group, rather than constituents.	Margot Smith vs. Buffy Wicks, East Bay, AD 13 Lydia Kou vs. Marc Berman, Palo Alto, AD-23 Liz Lawler vs. Gail Pellerin, Santa Cruz, San Jose, AD 28 Aaron Peskin (invited) candidate for SF Mayor
Th, Nov 21	The Constitution Matters! An LA Court (4/24) found SB9, the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law, unconstitutional. The ruling could ultimately have a broader impact on the state’s ability to enforce SB 9 and other housing laws in all of California’s 121 charter cities.	Attorney Pam Lee , Aleshire & Wynder, argued the winning SB9 case. Her colleague, attorney Sunny Soltani (invited), is an expert on how to become a charter city.

Catalysts affirm that **it matters** when the public is educated and engaged; local, regional, and state decision-makers demand evidence, truth and transparency; and housing policy is reliable.