

Session 1
Thursday, Aug 15, 2024

Safety Matters!

State-imposed **housing** density (called Regional Housing Need Allocations or RHNA) increases fire risks which drives up insurance costs. The promise is more affordable housing, but the California Dream is collapsing into a California Nightmare. Learn how one Sonoma community is fighting back. You can, too.

Speakers



Amy Kalish
President,
Citizen Marin



Carolyn M. Scott
Turtle Island Films,
"Small is Beautiful:
The Quest to Save
Valley of the Moon
(Sonoma)"



Moderator
Susan Kirsch
President
Catalysts Institute
for Local Control

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the public is educated and engaged.**

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For elected officials, community
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The Great Housing Challenge:

What Matters?

Affordable Housing, of course!
And also Safety, Taxes, Elections,
and the Constitution

A 4-part Series on Zoom
August to November
3rd Thursday evenings
5PM to 6:30PM

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Session 2
Thursday, Sept 19, 2024

Taxes Matter!

Do you wonder why we're hearing so much about voter tax fatigue? Learn from the experts. Tom Rubin, transportation expert, and Susan Shelley, Communications VP for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association, will explain. Learn why Shelley calls Prop 5 "a turbo engine for raising property taxes" and about other proposed tax and bond measures on the November ballot. Rubin, who opposed the \$20B Regional Measure to fund the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, which was pulled, will warn about other tax schemes on the horizon.

Speakers



Tom Rubin
CPA
\$20 BILLION Reasons to Vote No on the Bay Area Housing Tax



Susan Shelley
Vice President,
Howard Jarvis
Taxpayers Association

Session 3
Thursday, Oct 17, 2024

Elections Matter!

Meet three women running for seats in the state Assembly. What motivates them to challenge incumbents who too often vote with their Sacramento peer group, not for their constituents? What are their goals, if elected? Learn about their positions on housing, local control, and state overreach.

Speakers



Margot Smith
Berkeley Activist
vs. Buffy Wicks,
East Bay, AD 13



Lydia Kou
Palo Alto City Council
vs. Marc Berman,
Palo Alto, AD 23



Liz Lawler
Monte Sereno CC
vs. Gail Pellerin, Santa
Cruz, San Jose, AD 28

Session 4
Thursday, Nov 21, 2024

The Constitution Matters!

On April 22, 2024, a Los Angeles County Superior Court ruled that Senate Bill 9, the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law, does not apply to charter cities. The ruling could ultimately have a broader impact on the state's ability to enforce SB 9 and other housing laws in California's 121 charter cities.

Speakers



Pam Lee
Attorney,
Aleshire &
Wynder, argued
the winning SB9
case.



Sunny Soltani
Attorney, is an
expert on how
to become a
charter city.