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Panelist Biographies

Terrie Light
Executive Director, Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP)
Terrie Light joined BFHP in 1998 as a program supervisor of transitional housing services for women and children. She held several other managerial positions before being promoted to the Executive Director position in May 2006. Founded in 1970, BFHP works to ease and end the crisis of homelessness for men, women, and children in the Berkeley community and Alameda County. With programs ranging from free meal service to permanent supportive housing, BFHP provides a continuum of care to accommodate a broad spectrum of specialized needs. Ms. Light serves actively on the board of the EveryOne Home Leadership Council and is a LeaderSpring Fellow. She received her BA from UC Berkeley and her Masters from California State University, East Bay. She is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) in California.

Michael J. Novogradac CPA
Novogradac & Co. LLP
Michael Novogradac has more than 25 years’ experience specializing in affordable housing and community development. He is author of handbooks on the new markets and low-income housing tax credits, among other publications, and he broadcasts weekly podcasts on affordable housing, community development and renewable energy issues. Mr. Novogradac serves on the executive committee of the Housing Advisory Group and the boards of directors of the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition, the National Trust for Historic Preservation Tax Policy Council, and other organizations. He graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in economics and received an MBA with highest honors from UC Berkeley. He is licensed as CPA in California, Oregon and Texas.

Alex Sanchez
Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara (HACSC)
Alex Sanchez has worked in the public sector for the past 30 years for various California communities. His primary expertise is in housing finance, community development and redevelopment. HACSC is the state’s second largest public housing authority, serving low- and moderate-income households in one of its most expensive housing markets. Previously Mr. Sanchez served as Director of Housing for the City of San Jose, where he developed one of the most comprehensive and ambitious urban housing programs in the nation. He is Founding Chair of the California Housing Consortium (CHC) and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the National Leased Housing Association (NLHA). He completed his undergraduate work at Pomona College.

Kevin Stein
Associate Director, California Reinvestment Coalition (CRC)
Kevin Stein works primarily on housing issues, including efforts to fight predatory mortgage lending. CRC is a statewide coalition of 240 organizations advocating for fair and equal access to banking and other financial services. Mr. Stein is a primary author of "Stolen Wealth: Inequities in California's Subprime Mortgage Market" and recent editions in CRC’s multiyear "Who Really Gets Home Loans?" series. Previously he served as Supervising Attorney at the East Palo Alto Community Law Project and Lecturer at Stanford Law School. Mr. Stein sits on the board of directors of the Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA). He is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and Stanford University.

John Quigley (moderator)
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John Quigley holds faculty appointments in economics, public policy, and business at the University of California, Berkeley. His current research is on: the integration of real estate, mortgage, energy and financial markets; urban labor markets; housing; spatial economics; and local public finance.