

Reluctant Neighbors:

Dispute Resolution in Housing Development

This day-long conference focuses on addressing and overcoming local resistance toward housing development, particularly those new and rehabilitated units benefiting low-income and special-needs households. Long the bane of housing as a social cause, neighborhood disputes over locating proposed projects add substantial cost and delay. When opposition is successful or, worse, enshrined in local policy, it severely constrains the supply of needed land. Disputes of this kind occur across the map—in urban neighborhoods, suburban towns, and even rural areas. Importantly, recent trends at the regional, state, and national levels have brought new energy and ingenuity to bear on these ticklish aspects of housing development. This event brings together leading voices among developers, advocates, organizers, regulators, and researchers engaged in debates over how best to reduce the political and regulatory barriers to housing.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 Welcome
Bruce Cain, *Institute of Governmental Studies, UCB*
Larry A. Rosenthal, *Berkeley Program on Housing and Urban Policy*
- 9:15 Panel I: Setting the Stage: Why Is New Housing Such a Threat?
Moderator: Larry Rosenthal, *Berkeley Program on Housing and Urban Policy*
Nico Calavita, *San Diego State University*
Gretchen Regenhardt, *California Rural Legal Assistance (Watsonville)*
Debra Stein, *GCA Strategies (San Francisco)*
David Sunding, *UCB*
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Panel II: Placing Supportive Housing in Unwilling Communities
Moderator: Marian Wolfe, *Vernazza Wolfe Associates (Oakland)*
Sam Davis, *UCB*
Martha Fleetwood, *HomeBase/Center for Common Concern (San Francisco)*
Simon Fraser, *Simpson Housing Solutions (Long Beach)*
Sally Luken, *Corporation for Supportive Housing (Columbus)*
- 12:00 Lunch

- 1:00 Keynote Address
 “Establishing a Right to Housing: The Regional Dimensions”
 Chester Hartman, *Poverty and Race Research Action Council (Washington, DC) (3rd Victor Jones Memorial Lecture on Metropolitan Governance)*
 Introductions: Revan Tranter, *Association of Bay Area Governments (emeritus)*
 Marc Levin, *Institute of Governmental Studies, UCB*
- 2:00 Panel III: Regional Incentives for Overcoming Housing Barriers
 Moderator: David Grabill, *Sonoma County Housing Advocacy Group (Santa Rosa)*
 Susan Baldwin, *San Diego Association of Governments*
 Nicholas Brunick, *Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (Chicago)*
 Werner Lohe, *MA Housing Appeals Committee (Boston)*
 Linda Mandolini, *Eden Housing (Hayward)*
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Panel IV: Making Lessons Count: Community Leadership & Housing Development
 Moderator: David Dowall, *Institute of Urban and Regional Development, UCB*
 Chip Halbach, *Minnesota Housing Partnership (St. Paul)*
 Chester Hartman, *Poverty and Race Research Action Council (Washington, DC)*
 Stuart Hersh, *Austin (TX) Housing Finance Program*
 Dianne Spaulding, *Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California (San Francisco)*
- 5:00 Adjourn

Participants

Susan B. Baldwin is a senior regional planner for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), where she has worked for the past 15 years. At SANDAG she manages the Regional Housing Program, the I-15 Interregional Partnership, and other planning-related projects. In 2000, she helped establish SANDAG's Regional Housing Task Force, whose mission is to advocate for and implement specific actions to increase the supply of a variety of housing choices for all residents of the San Diego region, regardless of income. She also worked on the development of SANDAG's pilot housing element self-certification program, which was established by state legislation in 1995. More recently she comanaged the I-15 Interregional Partnership, which focused on developing strategies to address the jobs/housing imbalance and long-distance commuting between the southwestern Riverside County and San Diego regions. Baldwin has a degree in American studies from the University of Colorado. She is a member of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners, and has lived and worked in the San Diego region for the past 23 years. Prior to her current position she worked for the planning departments of the cities of La Mesa and San Diego.

Nicholas J. Brunick is the director of the Regional Affordable Housing Initiative (RAHI) at Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI). BPI is a 35-year-old public interest law and policy center that uses litigation, legal and policy advocacy, and community organizing to improve the equity and quality of life for all people in the Chicago region. Brunick's work at BPI has involved a mixture of legal, policy, and organizing strategies to improve the condition of public housing in Chicago, to create more affordable housing near jobs and opportunity throughout the Chicago region, and to raise the wages of low-wage workers in Chicago and throughout the state of Illinois. His experience prior to BPI includes legal work on behalf of low-income individuals in Texas and Mississippi, organizing and policy work with low-wage workers in Chicago, and community organizing efforts around job training and affordable housing in Texas. He graduated *summa cum laude* from North Central College with a B.A. in political science and urban affairs and earned a joint J.D./Masters of Public Affairs with honors from the University of Texas at Austin.

Bruce E. Cain is the Robson Professor of Political Science at UC Berkeley and director of the Institute of Governmental Studies. Previously, he taught at the California Institute of Technology. A graduate of Bowdoin College, he studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Trinity College, Oxford, and received his Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University. His writings include *The Reapportionment Puzzle* (1984), *The Personal Vote* (co-authored, 1987), and *Congressional Redistricting* (co-authored, 1991). He has coedited numerous books, including *Developments in American Politics, Volumes I - IV, Constitutional Reform in California, Racial and Ethnic Politics in California, Vol. II*, and *Voting at the Political Fault Line: California's Experiment with the Blanket Primary*. Cain has served as a polling consultant and redistricting consultant at national, state, and local levels. He has

been a consultant to the *Los Angeles Times* and a political commentator for numerous Bay Area radio and television stations. In 2000, he received Stanford University's Zale Award for Outstanding Achievement in Policy Research & Public Service and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2003, he was honored for Distinguished Research Mentoring of Undergraduates by UC Berkeley and for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science by the American Political Science Association and the National Political Science Honor Society.

Nico Calavita is a professor in the graduate program in city planning at San Diego State University and an adjunct professor in the Urban Studies and Planning Program at the University of California, San Diego. Calavita's research interests include affordable housing and community development, the politics of growth and comparative planning. In his work, research and community service—based on equity planning principles—are inextricably linked. For example, his research and publications on housing policies, such as Housing Trust Funds, Housing Linkage Fees and Inclusionary Housing, are based on his direct involvement in the attempts to implement those programs in the city of San Diego, including being chair of the City of San Diego Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees. He frequently publishes commentaries in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times* on development and housing issues. His most recent research article was, in fact, "Capturing the Public Interest: Using Newspaper Op-Eds to Promote Planning in Conservative Times," in the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, with Norman Krumholz.

Sam Davis has been on the faculty at UC Berkeley since 1971. He served as chair of the Department of Architecture from 1993 to 1996 and as associate dean of the College of Environmental Design from 1998 to 2002. He received the campus Distinguished Teaching Award in 1973. Davis has written three books on housing including *The Form of Housing*, *The Architecture of Affordable Housing*, and his new book, *Designing for the Homeless: Architecture that Works*, published by UC Press this past fall. Research for this latest book was supported by a Guggenheim Fellowship. Davis is the founding principal of Sam Davis Architecture, a Berkeley firm with more than 30 years of housing experience. The firm, working with institutions, nonprofit developers and service providers, has designed housing for a wide range of people, many with special needs, including families, students, seniors, young people with HIV and AIDS, homeless youth, and homeless adults. The firm has won many design awards and competitions, and their work has been published in the United States, Great Britain, and Japan. He is a graduate of the schools of architecture at UC Berkeley and Yale, and he was elected to fellowship in the AIA in 1985.

David Dowall is professor of city and regional planning at the University of California, Berkeley. Dowall assumed leadership of the Institute of Urban and Regional Development (IURD) in 2004. He has worked with IURD since joining the Berkeley faculty in 1976. Over the years, his research has focused on both domestic and international land management, housing policy, economic development strategy and infrastructure planning and finance. Internationally, Dowall has carried out policy research and designed technical and financial assistance

strategies for cities and regions in over 40 countries. Although he is known for his empirical and analytical work on urban land economics and infrastructure finance, he has spent over 20 years working with governments and nongovernmental organizations on neighborhood and urban development projects.

Martha Fleetwood is the founder and executive director of HomeBase, the Center for Common Concern in San Francisco. A leader on homelessness issues for over 17 years, she is the inspiration and driving force behind HomeBase's many successful planning, policy, and research initiatives. Recognized both for her expertise on homelessness issues as well as for her inclusive facilitation style and skill, she is in demand as an inspirational speaker, workshop trainer, issue expert, technical assistance provider for program design and implementation, and community-based planning facilitator. Always at the forefront of efforts to expand the resources available to assist homeless people back into housing and self-sufficiency, Fleetwood has played a major role in promoting "mainstreaming" strategies that enhance homeless people's access to the range of public programs available for low-income people. As part of this effort, she designed a comprehensive technical assistance conference on all aspects of mainstreaming, including expanding access to Medicaid and other benefit programs and to key services such as mental health. Fleetwood holds a B.A. from UC Irvine and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. With a lifelong social justice commitment, she has held significant positions of responsibility with the United States Department of Justice and the legal arm of the national NAACP, and serves on the boards of directors of St. Anthony Foundation, Project Open Hand, and the Millennium Institute.

Simon Fraser is a project manager at Simpson Housing Solutions LLC in Long Beach, California, a national housing developer and investor, where he manages a portfolio of over 700 multifamily and senior units in five states. He has also served in a similar capacity at the East L.A. Community Corporation and at Project New Hope. Aside from his development experience in the nonprofit and for-profit sectors, he has also served as researcher at the Advanced Policy Institute at UCLA in helping craft its Southern California Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Simon holds a bachelor's in urban studies and planning from UC San Diego and a master's in urban planning from UCLA.

David Grabill is an attorney and advocate specializing in housing development and discrimination matters. He is general counsel for the Sonoma County Housing Advocacy Group in Santa Rosa, California, a grassroots group promoting affordable housing, supportive housing and shelters (see <http://www.hagster.org>). He has successfully litigated housing element cases in and against Sonoma, Napa, and Mendocino Counties and several cities. His group is currently suing the city of Santa Rosa over a redevelopment project that would turn 11 acres of prime downtown land into a \$25 million tourist-oriented wine center without any provision for housing. He also represents several nonprofit housing developers. Before entering private practice in 1995, Grabill was the directing attorney for California Rural Legal Assistance in Santa Rosa for 15 years, and earlier worked with legal services projects in Gary, Indiana, and Charleston, West Virginia, before that. He is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Chip Halbach is the cofounder and executive director of the Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP). Formed in 1989, MHP has gained national recognition for its work to build the capacity of nonprofit developers in Minnesota and to promote affordable housing as a statewide priority. MHP is the lead sponsoring agency for Housing Minnesota, the public education and advocacy campaign now being emulated in several states. Halbach has worked for housing organizations in Minnesota since 1977. Prior to MHP, he was assistant director of Common Space, a Twin Cities-based developer and support organization for cooperative housing. Halbach has a master's degree in community and regional planning from the University of Texas and an architecture degree from the University of Illinois.

Chester Hartman, an urban planner and author, is Director of Research of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council in Washington, D.C. Prior to his present position, he founded and was president/executive director of PRRAC. Before that, he was a fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington and of the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam. He holds a Ph.D. in city and regional planning from Harvard and served on the faculty there as well as at Yale, the University of North Carolina, Cornell, UC Berkeley, and Columbia University. His books include: *Housing Urban America* (Aldine, 1973), *Housing Issues of the 1990s* (Praeger, 1989), and *The Right to Housing: Foundation of a New Social Agenda* (Temple University Press, 2003). His articles have appeared in numerous academic and popular journals and newspapers. He is the founder and former chair of the Planners Network, a national organization of progressive urban and rural planners and community organizers. He serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Housing Policy Debate*, *Urban Affairs Quarterly*, *Housing Studies*, *The Journal of Negro Education* and is a former board member/secretary of the National Low Income Housing Coalition. He has been a consultant to numerous public and private agencies, including HUD, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Stanford Research Institute, Arthur D. Little, California Rural Legal Assistance, the Urban Coalition, the California Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Legal Aid Society of New York.

Stuart Hersh coordinates the SMART Housing Initiative at the Austin (TX) Housing Finance Corporation and the City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. SMART Housing stands for Safe, Mixed-Income, Accessible, Reasonably-Priced, Transit-Oriented Housing. It is designed to stimulate the construction of affordable housing within the city of Austin. Projects that provide affordable units may qualify for fee waivers from city of Austin development fees and receive expedited review for development permits. Hersh has worked on housing issues, building codes, and code enforcement for the city of Austin since 1977. He received his bachelor's degree in government from Boston University and his master's degree in the same field from the University of Texas at Austin.

Marc A. Levin is the assistant director of the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS). He has served as an academic administrator at UC since 1980 and as IGS Assistant Director since 1998. A graduate of Gettysburg College, he also holds advanced degrees from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and California State University, Hayward. His publications include "Term Limits," co-authored with

Bruce E. Cain (*Annual Review of Political Science*, 1999); “How to Find Local Law: A California Paradigm” (*Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, 1994); and “The Information Seeking Behavior of Local Government Officials” (*American Review of Public Administration*, 1991).

Werner Lohe is chair of the Housing Appeals Committee at the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development in Boston. The committee administers the state’s well-known “40B” legislation and conducts adjudicatory proceedings reviewing Comprehensive Permit denials. He became counsel to the committee in 1990, and was appointed its chair in 1993. In the 1980s he was the first general counsel of the Boston Fair Housing Commission and worked as a professional environmental mediator. He received his B.A. from Yale College and J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Lohe is the author of “Command and Control to Local Control: The Environmental Agenda and the Comprehensive Permit Law,” in the 2001 *Western New England Law Review*. He is currently chair of the Brookline Conservation Commission, an elected member Town Meeting member, and is also active with the town’s GreenSpace Alliance.

Sally Luken is the director of the Corporation for Supportive Housing’s (CSH) Ohio office. She assists not-for-profits and housing developers to create and maintain housing for people who were formerly homeless, and she advocates for increased state and federal attention to ending chronic homelessness through resources and policy changes. Prior to coming to CSH, Luken was director of Faith Mission, a \$3.5 million not-for-profit organization providing shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, meal and employment services to individuals who are homeless in Columbus. She has 25 years experience in for-profits and not-for-profits with an emphasis on leading the successful reorganization of struggling nonprofit organizations. Luken was appointed by Governor Bob Taft of Ohio to the state’s Interagency Council on Homelessness and Housing in 2004. She is active on the Franklin County Continuum of Care Steering Committee and the Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative, and she facilitated the creation of the Stark County Interagency Council on Homelessness. She holds a Master of Arts in administration with an emphasis on policy and nonprofit management and a bachelors of social work degree.

Linda Mandolini has served Eden Housing (Hayward, CA) in several capacities, first as a project developer, next as the director of development and now as executive director. She is accountable to an active 14-member volunteer board of directors. Mandolini oversees the organization’s affordable housing production, property management and social services components, with a combined annual budget of \$3.8 million. She is ultimately responsible for Eden’s development pipeline, which consists of 10 to 12 projects at any given time, a growing property management portfolio presently consisting of over 2,400 units and a staff of 130 people. Prior to rejoining Eden Housing, Mandolini was the Transportation and Land Use Director at the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group in San Jose, CA. Mandolini also served as a lender and developer of affordable housing with several entities in Boston, Massachusetts, including serving as the director of development for the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation and manager of the Real Estate

Portfolio for the Massachusetts Community Development Finance Corporation. Mandolini received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Wheaton College, Norton, MA, and was *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa. She earned a master's of business administration at Boston University. She is on the board of directors of the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County and of the Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California.

Gretchen Regenhardt is directing attorney for the Santa Cruz/Watsonville office of California Rural Legal Assistance. Regenhardt has served as a front-line attorney for Legal Aid and CRLA representing people in Santa Cruz County living in or near poverty for more than two decades. Earlier in her career she served as legal advocate for the poor and disadvantaged in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and in San Francisco. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from UC Berkeley and a law degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

Larry A. Rosenthal serves as executive director of the Berkeley Program on Housing and Urban Policy, and lecturer at the Goldman School of Public Policy, at UC Berkeley. He is coauthor, with David Kirp and John Dwyer, of *Our Town: Race, Housing and the Soul of Suburbia* (Rutgers University Press, 1995), an award-winning social, legal, and policy narrative of the historic *Mount Laurel* housing rights cases in New Jersey, as well as a variety of articles, book chapters, and research reports. Recently he co-authored, with Greg Wagner and Michael Donovan, a National Association of Realtors-sponsored monograph entitled "Priced High on a Hill: A Study of Housing Affordability in San Francisco." Other recent research papers have addressed, with various co-authors, the effects of prevailing wage legislation on low-income housing development, the effects of construction-defect litigation on the supply of condominium and attached housing, and the efficacy of various methodologies in estimating the homeless population. Originally trained as an attorney, Rosenthal served as law clerk to the late Justice Marcus M. Kaufman at the Supreme Court of California and was Governor George Deukmejian's appointee to California's Dispute Resolution Advisory Council. He later was associate at the San Francisco law firm of Hanson, Bridgett et al., and acted as statistical consultant to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California in its implementation of the Civil Justice Reform Act. He also served as policy analyst for the National Park Service's Presidio Transition Team. His current research focuses on land use, the construction industry, housing segregation, and housing subsidy policies. Rosenthal holds doctoral and master's degrees in public policy from UC Berkeley, a law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and an A.B. from Oberlin College.

Dianne Spaulding is executive director of the Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California. Since 1992, Spaulding has provided leadership for NPH at the local, regional, and state levels. Under her leadership, NPH has established a national reputation for housing advocacy efforts that have led to historic legislation and funding; distinguished itself by creating the Fellowship Program for People of Color in Non-Profit Housing; and designed award-winning communications tools to build community acceptance of affordable housing. Spaulding is frequently called upon to provide leadership and insight on housing policy, funding oppor-

tunities for affordable housing, and local action strategies, such as the housing element process and advocacy coalitions that spur citizen action. She currently serves as the regional affiliate representative for the National Housing Conference, the chairperson for the California Housing Consortium, and previously served on the Board of Housing California for 10 years, five of those as its president. Her success in affordable housing is indicative of her over 20-year commitment to non-profit community-based organizations. She is a graduate of the University of California, and holds a degree in political science and psychology.

Debra Stein is president of GCA Strategies and the author of *Winning Community Support for Land Use Projects* and *Making Community Meetings Work*, both published by the Urban Land Institute, and of *Managing Community Meetings*, published by the International City/County Managers Association. She is a member of the International Association of Participation Professionals, the Association for Conflict Resolution, the Urban Land Institute, and the California Bar Association. Stein has a B.A. in political management from UC Berkeley and a law degree from the University of San Francisco.

David Sunding is professor and specialist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at UC Berkeley. His areas of expertise include land and housing markets, law and economics, and environmental and natural resource economics. His recent courses have included Economics of Public Law (taught at Boalt Hall), Public Finance, Natural Resource Economics, and Risk, Technology and the Environment. Sunding serves on the science advisory board of the National Center for Housing and the Environment and was a member of the Expert Panel on Cost Allocation at the CalFed Bay-Delta Program in 2001-2002. He holds a bachelor's in economics from Claremont McKenna College and a Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics from UC Berkeley.

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Marian F. Wolfe is a real estate economist and housing planner with over 20 years of experience in financial feasibility analysis, housing program planning and evaluation, land use and economic impact studies, and survey research for policy and public policy. On an ongoing basis, she provides consulting services to the Oakland Housing Authority for its mixed-income, HOPE VI developments. She has also served as urban economist at Hausrath Economics Group and housing consultant at Abt Associates. Wolfe was an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she held a joint appointment with the School of Urban and Regional Planning and the Department of Real Estate, School of Business. She has also lectured at UC Berkeley. She has published articles in both the *APA Northern News* and *California Planner*. Wolfe holds a B.A. in history from UC Berkeley, an M.A. in history from UCLA, and the MCP and Ph.D. degrees in city and regional planning from UC Berkeley.

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Jones later studied comparative intergovernmental issues between the United States and Canada and became an expert in Canadian federalism. He was a founding member of the UC Berkeley Canadian Studies Program in 1982. During his notable career, Jones was honored with special tributes from the American Political Science Association and the National Association of Regional Councils. In 1978 he was elected as a fellow to the National Academy of Public Administration.

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