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Virtual Conference 2023

Friday, April 21, 2023 9:30 am to 1:30 pm PST

Registration

General admission: \$25
Pre-registration required
Scholarships available upon request

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About the Conference

The conference will address strategies for advancing fair housing and racial equity through policy and advocacy, with sessions on reparations, appraisal discrimination & inequality, source of income discrimination, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) implementation.

The event will bring together community members, non-profits, advocates, real estate professionals, and municipal leaders and staff to address pressing fair housing issues affecting our communities, offering strategies to re-energize fair housing advocates and build inclusive communities.

Featured Speakers



Lisa Holder
President
Equal Justice Society
SPEAKER



Valerie Feldman
Staff Attorney
Public Interest Law Project
SPEAKER



Jillian White
CEO and Founder
Appraisal Insights
PANELIST



Elizabeth Korver-Glenn
Sociologist & Professor
Washington University, St. Louis
PANELIST



Gabriel Diaz Counsel Relman Colfax PANELIST



Diane HoukCivil Rights Attorney/Partner
Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady
Ward & Maazel LLP
PANELIST



Azadeh Hosseinian
Senior Staff Counsel
California Civil Rights Department
PANELIST



Caroline Peattie
Executive Director
Fair Housing Advocates
CONFERENCE MODERATOR



Julia Howard-Gibbon
Supervising Attorney
Fair Housing Advocates
MODERATOR

Conference Agenda

Opening Ramarks

- Caroline Peattie, Executive Director
 Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California
- Session 1: The Potential Impact of Reparations on Housing in California
 - Lisa Holder, President Equal Justice Society

Equal Justice Society (EJS) President Lisa Holder, a member of the California task force on reparations, will share her insight on the potential impact that reparations will have in housing in California. The passage of the Fair Housing Act in 1968 outlawed housing discrimination but did not fix the structures put in place by 100 years of discriminatory government policies, and residential segregation continues today. In California, the federal, state, and local government created segregation through redlining, zoning ordinances, decisions on where to build schools and highways and discriminatory federal mortgage policies.

- Session 2 Panel: Discrimination & Inequality in the Appraisal Process
 - Elizabeth Korver-Glenn, Sociologist & Professor Washington University in St. Louis
 - Jillian White, CEO and Founder Appraisal Insights
 - Gabriel Diaz, Counsel Relman Colfax

Our panelists will cover research that delves into the causes of inequities in the appraisal process and undervaluation of Black-owned homes; barriers for people of color prohibiting entry into the appraisal industry; levels of discretion in the appraisal process contributing to inequitable appraisals; and tackling inequities on individual and systemic levels, including building legal cases.

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- Session 3 Panel: Source of Income Discrimination is Race
- and Disability Discrimination Challenges and Remedies for People with Housing Subsidies
 - Diane Houk, Civil Rights Attorney/Partner
 Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP
 - Azadeh Hosseinian, Senior Staff Counsel
 California Civil Rights Department (formerly DFEH)

This panel will cover state and federal laws that protect people with housing subsidies; how to enforce those laws through fair housing testing and building legal cases; the Civil Rights Department's enforcement of California's new SOI law and its challenges; and examples of creative legal arguments and remedies.

- Session 4: Housing Element and Affirmatively Furthering
- Fair Housing from Adoption to Implementation
 - Valerie Feldman, Staff Attorney
 Public Interest Law Project

This presentation will focus on several facets of the duty to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH), including: 1) the requirements in California's Housing Element Law to further fair housing, 2) California's requirements that all public agencies administer their housing and community development programs in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing, and 3) the new proposed federal AFFH Rule. Advocates have dedicated enormous efforts to compel cities and counties to adopt Housing Elements with meaningful actions to address longstanding segregation. How can community members ensure that cities and counties will implement the policies in the adopted housing elements that they advocated for? Join us to discuss what comes next.

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