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# 2018 Fair Housing Conference Program

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**8:30-9:00 – Registration (Coffee and pastries offered)**

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**9:00-12:00 – Introduction and Featured Speakers**

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## **Welcome and Conference Introduction**

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Caroline Peattie, Executive Director, Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California  
Judy Arnold, Marin County Supervisor

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## **Featured Speakers**

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James Perry  
CEO, Winston Salem Urban League

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George Lipsitz  
Professor of Black Studies and Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**12:00-1:15 – Lunch Presentations (Buffet lunch offered)**

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Award presentation to Nancy Kenyon, founder of Fair Housing of Marin by U.S. Rep. Huffman

Presentation: John Wallace/Surviving the Odds Project

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**1:15-2:30 – Concurrent Panels 1 and 2**

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### **Panel 1 – For Tenants: Tenant Rights and Protections**

*This session will unpack housing-related bills recently passed as well as what is on the horizon, and how they apply locally; and how various organizing groups can work together to effect change.*

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Melissa Morris  
Staff Attorney, The Public Interest Law Project

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Madeline Howard  
Senior Attorney, Western Center On Law & Poverty

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Salimah Hankins  
Senior Attorney, Community Legal Services, East Palo Alto

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David Levin - Moderator  
Managing Attorney, Legal Aid of Marin

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**Panel 2 – For Housing Developers, Realtors, Lenders: Sustainable Homeownership Among Low-to-Moderate Income and Minority Borrowers**

*This session will focus on policies that foster inclusive communities and best practices for transparency and responsible borrowing and lending.*

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Hugh Rowden

Head, Mortgage Market Outreach & Community Relations Leader; Sr. V.P., Wells Fargo & Co.

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Lisa Sitkin

Senior Staff Attorney, National Housing Law Project

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Rachel Ginis

Founder and Former Executive Director - Lilypad Homes

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Kevin Stein - Moderator

Deputy Director, California Reinvestment Coalition

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**2:45-4:00 – Concurrent Panels 3 and 4**

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**Panel 3 – Gentrification and Displacement**

*This panel will address issues of racial equity and land preservation, how policies and institutions limit mobility and equity-building, and other issues.*

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Chancela Al-Mansour

Executive Director, Housing Rights Center

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Christina Livingston

Executive Director, Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment

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Sandhya Dirks

Enterprise reporter, KQED Public Radio, Bay Area

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Johnathan Logan - Moderator

Vice President of Community Engagement, Marin Community Foundation

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**Panel 4 – Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**

*Looking at our local history and how policies affecting access to transportation, education, and affordable housing shaped the segregated living patterns we see today, panelists will suggest tools to further fair housing, particularly related to supporting affordable housing, public schools, and transportation policies that will begin to reverse patterns of segregation and lack of access.*

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David Zisser

Senior Staff Attorney, Public Advocates' Metropolitan Equity Team

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James Perry

CEO, Winston Salem Urban League / Former CEO, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center

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Salimah Hankins  
Senior Attorney, Community Legal Services, East Palo Alto

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Leelee Thomas - Moderator  
Planning Manager, Housing & Federal Grants Division, Marin County Community Development

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**4:00-5:15 – Closing Session**

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**Panel 5 – Strengthening housing advocacy through alliance building**

*This panel will address how to have difficult conversations about housing in our neighborhoods by debunking myths, stereotypes and misinformation that often lead to fear and exclusion.*

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Brian Colbert  
Councilmember & Entrepreneur, City of San Anselmo

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Kiki La Porta  
Steering Committee Member, Coalition for a Livable Marin / Descom Studios

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Chantel Walker  
Division of Organization Development and Training, County of Marin

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Cesar Lagleva - Moderator  
Ethnic Services and Training Manager, County of Marin

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