



Forum 2022 Handbook

Session 1: Housing Equity and Transformative Justice

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Inspired to take action? Here's how!

Margaretta Wan-Ling Lin's recommendations:

1. **Connect** with Just Cities Institute and explore our available resources: <http://www.justcities.work>
2. **Explore** the *Framework for an Equitable COVID-19 Homelessness Response* written by the National Alliance to End Homelessness: <https://endhomelessness.org/>
3. **Discover** the Western Regional Advocacy Project: <https://wraphome.org>
4. **Do the reading!** Read genre specific literature about affordable housing at Progressive Planners Network & Journal to become an effective advocate:
<https://www.plannersnetwork.org/category/progressive-planning-magazine/>

Pam Dorr's recommendations:

1. **Consider sharing unused space** in your backyard.
2. **Explore** Symbium to evaluate if an ADU will work in your yard:
<https://symbium.com/#version=global>
3. **Looking for an affordable home?** Check out the Bolinas Community Land Trust (<https://www.bolinaslandtrust.org/>) and the Housing Land Trust Sonoma County (<https://www.housinglandtrust.org/homes-for-sale.html>).

Recommendations by Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative (MEHC):

1. **Sign up** for MEHC's newsletter: <https://marinmehc.org/newsletter-sign-up/>
 - a. You will receive digestible information on climate resilience projects and opportunities to support environmentally friendly and socially-equitable, affordable housing.

Recommendations by EFM:

1. **Register** for the Marin Green Home Tour to cultivate further understanding on green building practices—tours feature on October 19 & 20 from 6-8 PM: <https://www.maringreenhometour.org/>
 - a. This free, two-day virtual tour of 10 homes in Marin County will showcase what Marin residents are doing to combat climate change, improve air quality, generate clean energy, save water, and move toward a safer, healthier, greener, and more resilient future.
2. **Attend** the Marin Housing Authority (MHA) Commission meetings on Nov. 15. and support Golden Gate Village (GGV) residents to create a Limited Equity Housing Co-op (LEHC):
<https://www.marinhousing.org/board-of-commissioners>



Take a moment and reflect on the following questions:

(To solve the homelessness crises, it's beneficial to clearly see our hidden biases.)

- A. What have been the stories told to you about **who** are the people unhoused or housing insecure?
- B. What have we been led to believe are reasons **why** people are unhoused or housing insecure?

Resources

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What are valuable resources that people can benefit from to transform housing?

Films

13th is a 2016 American documentary film by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States.

See the full-length (1:40:02) documentary on YouTube :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8>

East Oakland Rising: Win the Fight, Protect the Win is a 2021 short documentary, directed by Cheo Tyehimba. It highlights the stories of everyday people coming together to build relationships and trust, knowledge and understanding, and collective determination to fight environmental racism, unfair housing policies, and gentrification in East Oakland, CA. It showcases a ten-year community-organizing journey and offers a valuable blueprint for how to build power and policy wins for the next generation.

See the full-length (26:49) documentary on the Game Changers Project website:
<http://gamechangersproject.org/film/east-oakland-rising-win-the-fight-protect-the-win/>

Lead Me Home is a 2021 Netflix documentary, directed by Pedro Kos & Jon Shenk. The film features several people on the streets in West Coast Cities. Conceived to be a cinematic study of contrasts, the film will be familiar and shocking; intimate and vast. By weaving individual stories with aerial vistas, time-lapse photography, and evocative details of contemporary urban life. *Lead Me Home* aims to spark a national conversation about the epic scale of this alarming and ever-growing problem.

Watch the full film on Netflix. View the trailer on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moekzAxXe0o>



Toolkits & Reading Materials

The Oaklandside is a nonprofit news site directed by a team of local journalists working for Oakland. Their mission is to amplify community voices, share the power of real information, and investigate systems, not just symptoms. Read their articles related to [Housing and Homelessness](#).

The **Framework for an Equitable COVID-19 Homelessness Response** by the National Alliance to End Homelessness provides guidance to communities on how to use a wide range of federal funding resources.

1. Download the toolkit here: <https://endhomelessness.org/>
2. Sign up for Alliance Advocacy Alerts to take action on ending homelessness: <https://endhomelessness.org/actions/sign-alliance-advocacy-alerts/>

Homelessness is a housing problem: How Structural Factors Explain U.S. Patterns

Written by housing scholar Gregg Colburn and data journalist Clayton Aldern, this book explores the question: what drives the prevalence of homelessness in a given city? Given that common narratives don't explain why, the authors argue that housing market conditions, such as the cost and availability of rental housing, offer a more convincing explanation.

To learn more about the book visit: <https://homelessnesshousingproblem.com>

Homelessness in Marin offers a data dashboard featuring the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, as an effort to understand the burden of homelessness across Marin County.

For more information visit: <https://housingfirst.marinhhs.org/2022-pit-count>

Coexistence in Public Space, written by SPUR, this toolkit features engagement tools for creating shared spaces in places with homelessness—perhaps it can inform your city's housing element.

To download the toolkit visit:

https://www.spur.org/publications/spur-report/2021-01-25/coexistence-public-space?utm_medium=redirect&utm_source=coexistence

Resources to Create Affordable Housing

What is a community land trust (CLT)?

Read more about CLTs here: <https://www.clam-ptreyes.org/what-is-clt>

How do land trust models apply to multi-family housing?

The Cohousing Association of the United States developed a guide for you to build cohousing communities, view it here: <https://www.cohousing.org/create-cohousing/create-it/>



What is Senate Bill 9 about?

View this powerpoint presentation to understand and navigate Senate Bill 9 in your city:

https://www.calcities.org/docs/default-source/planning-commissioners-academy---session-materials/understanding-and-navigating-sb-9-in-your-city.pdf?sfvrsn=86e5d3bd_3

What are the opportunities and/or limitations for people in Marin who have space to build ADU's?

Learn more about ADU standards, costs, and determine what you're eligible to build in your city at

ADUMarin: <https://adumarin.org/thinking>

What are the tensions between creating housing and sustaining biodiversity and open space? How can we create balance between the need for open spaces for people and wildlife and the overwhelming need for homes?

Read about Biophilic Cities: Connecting Cities and Nature

Biophilic Cities partners with cities, scholars and advocates from across the globe to build an understanding of the value and contribution of nature in cities to the lives of urban residents.

<https://www.biophiliccities.org/>

Read about Regenesi:

Regenesis is a world leader in the field of regenerative development—an approach to land use, community development, and the built environment that has defined the leading edge of sustainability practice for more than two decades.

<https://regenesisgroup.com/team>

