# Paying for Affordable Housing



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# **Panel Introductions**

#### **Brian Prater**

Low Income Investment Fund

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#### Amie Fishman

Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California



Elizabeth (Libby) Seifel Seifel Consulting, Inc. Paying for Affordable Housing: *"It Takes a Village"* 

What do you need?

Shared vision

- Creative and energetic champions
- Seed capital followed by reliable and diverse sources of capital
- Strategic actions that continually build momentum



# **Emerging Loan Fund Tools**

Socially responsible loan funds that combine public and private capital to provide lower cost loans



SAN FRANCISCO housing accelerator fund





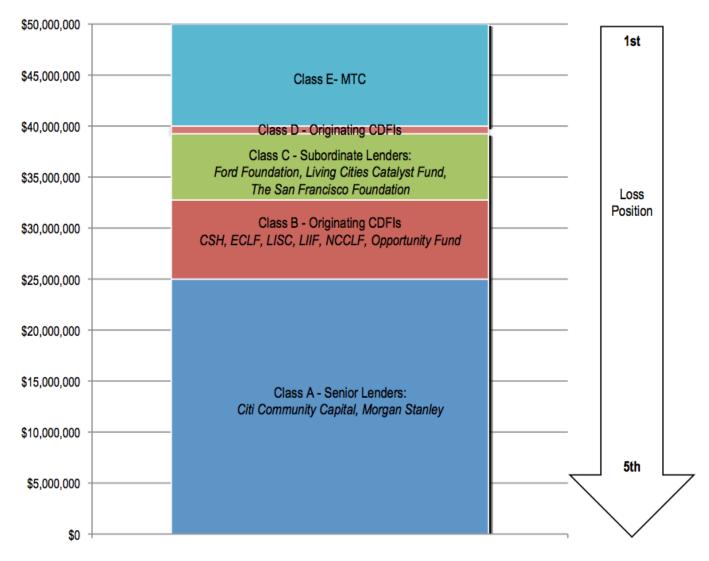
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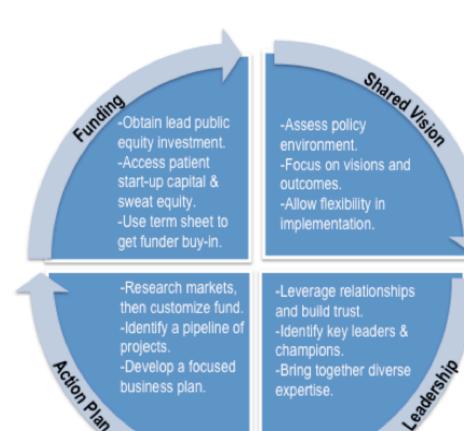
New Generation Fund LLC

# \$50 Million Bay Area TOAH Fund



More on Bay Area TOAH: <u>www.bayareatod.com</u> Download Report on TOAH Fund at: <u>http://seifel.com/index.php/library?task=document.download&id=508</u>

## Best Practices from TOAH Fund Formation



expertise.

business plan.

#### **Shared Vision**

When it comes to development housing, transportation, energy efficiency—these things aren't mutually exclusive; they go hand in hand. – Barrack Obama

#### Leadership

Convening a diversity of players in the affordable housing community and having partners with a high level of trust, competency and a shared understanding of goals... was critical. - Fund Sponsor

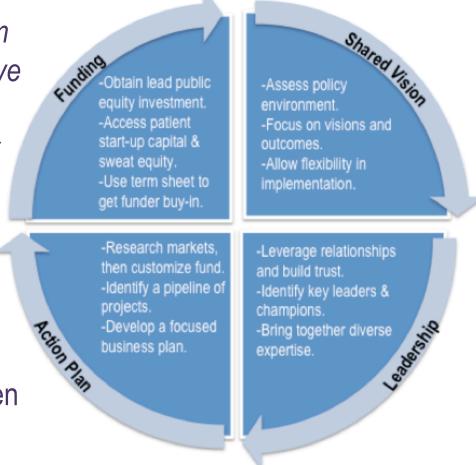
# **Best Practices from TOAH Fund Formation**

#### Funding

There is huge value to investors from MTC's first loss position. Conservative investors are more comfortable with becoming involved...knowing... they are protected. - Fund Investor

#### **Action Plan**

The business plan builds upon the collaborative vision of the Fund Initiators and the research undertaken to identify development needs and funding gaps.



# Emerging Smart Growth Funding Tools (Advanced Through Advocacy)

Funding that helps reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by building compact, affordable TOD and low-emission transportation infrastructure (walking, biking, transit)





CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL



# California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program

- \$440 million invested (70+% in disadvantaged communities)
  - Over 4,100 affordable homes built
  - Improved air quality, affordable transportation options, and better access to jobs and amenities









#### **Paying for Affordable Housing** New Partners for Smart Growth | February 3, 2018 Brian Prater, EVP, Strategy, Development & Public Affairs Low Income Investment Fund

capital for healthy families & communities

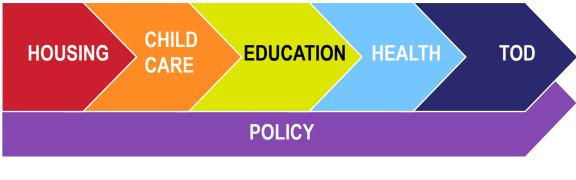
# Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF)

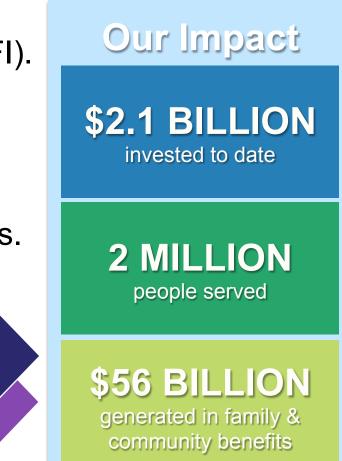
LIIF is a leading national community development financial institution (CDFI).

**Our Mission:** LIIF is a steward of capital for healthy communities and families. LIIF builds bridges between capital markets and low income places.

#### Our Approach:

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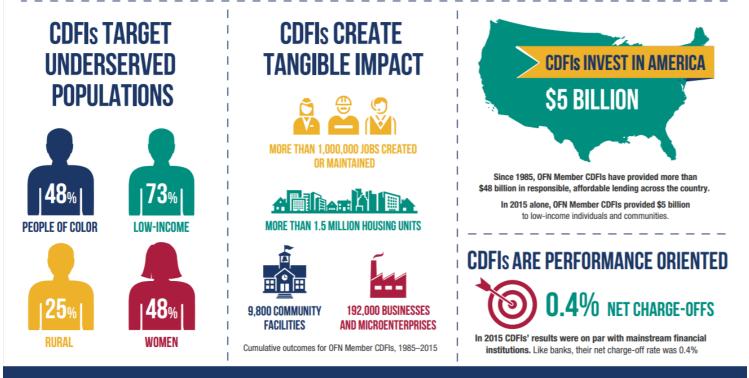




# What Is a CDFI?

# **CDFIs PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY. FOR ALL.**

Community development financial institutions (CDFIs) are private financial institutions that are 100% dedicated to delivering responsible, affordable lending to help disinvested people and communities join the economic mainstream



All data referenced above is from Opportunity Finance Institutions: Side by Side Fiscal Year 2015.

Published annually by Opportunity Finance Network, this report provides key statistics and essential analysis of the more than 200 CDFIs who are Members of OFN. It provides insight into the industry and is an essential reference for opportunity finance practitioners. FREE to OFN Members and Alles, Side by Side can be found at ofn onrypublications. OPPORTUNITYFINANCE

# Affordable Housing Finance System Intersection of policy and capital

- Complex system with many players
- Private, public and philanthropic financing opportunities
- Financing stages: Predevelopment, acquisition, construction and permanent
- Policy and public gap financing
- CA Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program



# Developing the Right Financing Solutions

- Differing market conditions and needs
- Capital aggregation
- Capital providers risk/return
- Clarity of intent plus innovation

#### Local Examples

- Golden State Acquisition Fund
- Bay Area Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing Fund
- Metro Affordable Transit Connected Housing Program
- Colorado Transit-Oriented Development Fund



# **Golden State Acquisition Fund**

- \$93 million flexible, low-cost financing program
  - \$23 million in seed funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development
  - Additional capital from CDFI partners
- Financing Uses
  - Creation and preservation of affordable housing in California
  - Rental housing and homeownership opportunities in urban and rural communities

PARTNERS



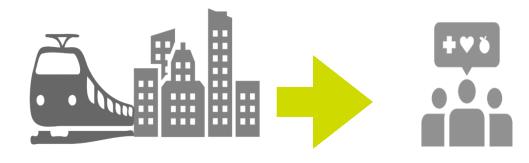


Strong, Prosperous, and Resilient Communities Challenge

An initiative of Enterprise Community Partners, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the Low Income Investment Fund, and the Natural Resources Defense Council

SPARCC is working together to make sure that when we invest in places, people of all races and incomes benefit.





Trillions

Public sector projected to invest trillions in infrastructure and real estate

#### **Built Environment**

Place Matters; Evolution of Equitable TOD work

#### **Opportunity for All**

Huge opportunity to leverage these funds to address inequality, health and climate change

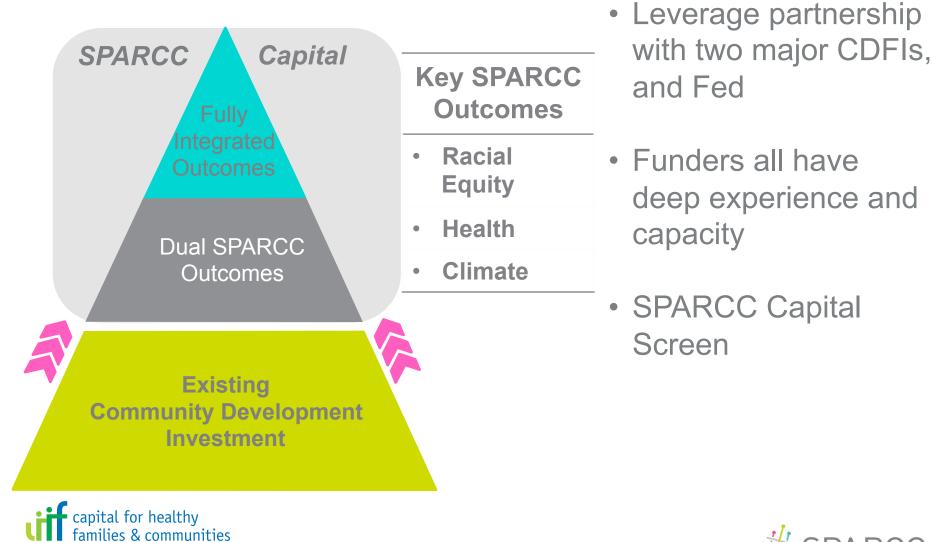








# **SPARCC Capital Aspirations**





#### STRUCTURED FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

New Partners for Smart Growth | February 3, 2017

Julijs Liepins, Vice President

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#### FUND OVERVIEW

#### Purpose:

 Independent, often municipally-supported capital pools ("funds") can assist in the achievement of housing policy goals

#### How It Works:

- Provide specialized financing tailored to the policy goal
- Complete the financing puzzle for priority project types
- Create faster, more efficient funding processes
- Use seed capital from the public and philanthropic sectors to leverage additional capital resources



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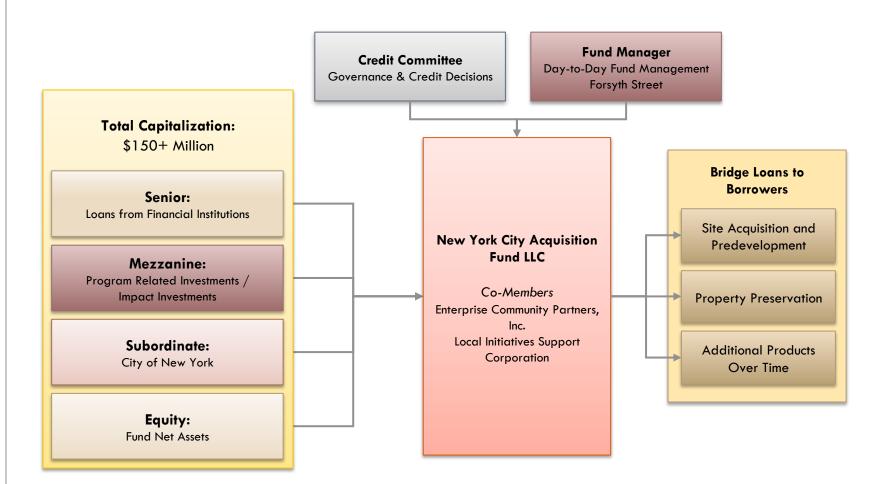
- Launched in 2006 to enable affordable housing developers to compete in New York City's real estate marketplace.
- A growing, integral part of the City's affordable housing pipeline management system.

#### Impact Since Launch:

- **\$382 million** in loans originated
- 68 projects
- 11,600 new or preserved affordable housing units.

#### **FUND STRUCTURE**





#### CAPITALIZATION



#### Senior Capital

• Expands the fund's lending capacity

#### Mezzanine Capital

 Helps the fund achieve leverage, expand its balance sheet, and provide a lower-cost product to its borrowers

#### Subordinate Capital

- Evidences the City's policy alignment with the fund's lending programs
- Leverages other capital
- Equity
  - Expands the fund's operating base and makes possible investment in new programmatic initiatives



#### **EXAMPLE PROJECT**





#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

In 2015, the New York City Acquisition Fund financed the acquisition by Bronx Pro Real Estate Management, Inc., of two vacant, infill sites located at 3363-3365 Third Avenue in the Morrisania neighborhood of the Bronx. A 33-unit rental building with ground floor commercial space is being constructed on the site. Units will be affordable to households earning up to 80% AMI and the commercial space will be leased to a daycare operator.

**Key Considerations for a Fund** 

- Problem Statement
- Products Respond to the Problem
- Stakeholders/Sponsors Public, Private, Philanthropic
- Capitalization
- Legal, Governance and Organizational Structure

#### **OTHER FUNDS**

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Louisiana Loan Fund

- Target Geography: City of Los Angeles
- Public Sponsor: LA Housing and Community Investment Department
- Policy Goals: Transit-oriented development; preservation of at-risk housing; permanent supportive housing
- **Production:** Since launch in 2008, \$110 million of capital to 21 projects, generating 2,077 new or preserved affordable housing units
- Target Geography: City and County of San Francisco
- Public Sponsor: SF Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
- Policy Goals: Protection of tenants at-risk of eviction, with early focus on "Small Sites" properties; acquisition of strategic sites; supportive housing for the formerly homeless
- **Production:** Since launch in 2017, \$29 million of capital to 5 projects, generating 167 new or preserved affordable housing units
- Target Geography: Neighborhoods in New Orleans hard-hit by hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- Public Sponsor: State of Louisiana Office of Community Development
- **Policy Goals:** Catalyze redevelopment of target neighborhoods by re-starting construction lending for single family homes
- Production: From 2011-2015, construction loan guarantees provided for 58 properties

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**New Directions for Fund Development** 

- New Market Types
- New Property Types
- Regional Approach
- Greater Flexibility
- Expanded View of the Role of Housing in Facilitating Healthy Communities

# Building Momentum: Advocacy for Affordable Housing Solutions

### Presented to NPSG February 3, 2018



he Voice of fordable Housing Amie Fishman, Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern Cal

# **NPH'S MISSION**

**NPH sees a future where everyone has a place to call home** and where low-income communities and communities of color have the opportunity to stay and prosper in the Bay Area.

We envision a day where everyone has access to an affordable home; and we can improve our health, our children's educational outcomes, our environment, our transit system, our regional competitiveness and the Bay Area's diversity and equity.

> Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California



#### Members, residents, board & staff

# NPH UNITES THE BAY AREA WITH RESEARCH, POLICY & CAMPAIGNS

- Membership organization
- Regional leadership
- Legislative advocacy
- Issue education
- Technical assistance
- Regulatory support

- Trainings & working groups
- Annual conference
- Leadership awards
- Emerging Leaders Peer Network
- Electoral & communications strategies

## Housing crisis burdens low-income families

San Jose: Huge surge in homeless Silicon News > California News The biennial "Point in Time" count found that the number of Valley youth homeless has rebounded, with the rise consisting of an increase in those under 25. By ERIC KURHI | ekurhi@bayareanewsgroup.com | Bay Area News Group PUBLISHED: June 30, 2017 at 12:00 pm | UPDATED: July 1, 2017 at 7:05 am

08/30/2017 by Megan Joseph Regionalization: The Next Frontier of Equity and Opportunity for California



#### Business > Real Estate

#### California's housing crisis – it's even worse than you think

By THE DAILY BREEZE and MATT LEVIN, CALMATTERS PUBLISHED: August 28, 2017 at 6:04 am | UPDATED: August 29, 2017 at 9:39 am

SAN JOSE — The number of kids and young adults living homeless in Silice

biennial count, revealing a problem far more prolific than previously know Santa Clara County officials and advocates for the homeless said they exp overall homeless population and specifically youth in part because there

younger people this year. Nearly double the number of workers fanned o count. However, the results released Friday far exceeded what officials e increase over 2015 in the number of people under age 25 more than one-third of high set in 2011. People under 25 now make up more than one-third of high set in 2011. People under 25 now make up more than one-third of

Overall, 7,394 homeless were counted, 838 more than two years ago. O population. unaccompanied by a parent or young adults under 25 years old.

#### It's even worse than you think

Half the state's households struggle to afford the roof over their heads. Homeownership-once a staple of the California dream - is at its lowest rate since World War II. Nearly 70 percent of poor Californians

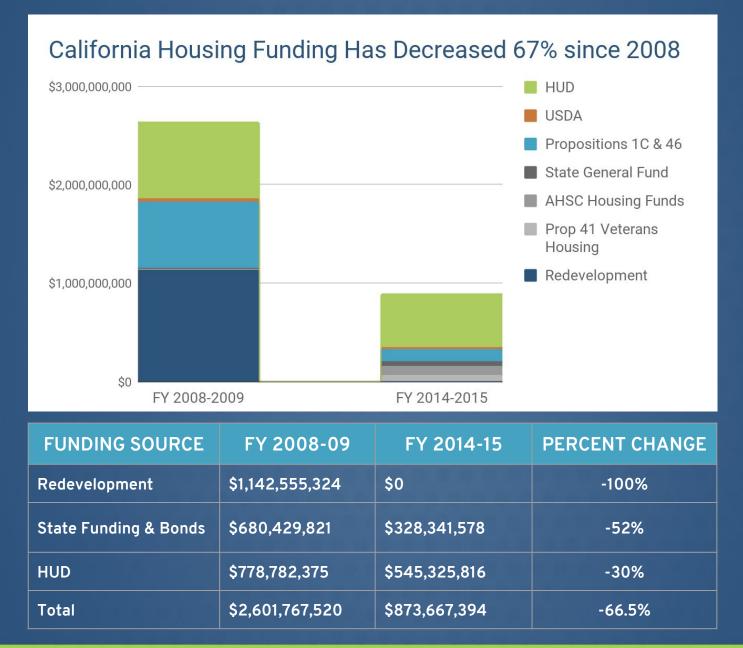
This month, state lawmakers are debating a long-delayed housing package. Here's what you need to

Just how hard is it to buy a home in California?

Hard. Really hard. Both compared to how hard it is in other states, and how hard it was for previous generations of Californians to buy homes.

Since 2008, the State of California lost \$1.74 billion in annual funding for affordable housing.

Source: California Housing Partnership



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## NPH pivoted to a regional electoral strategy to build public support and political will

- NPH initiated and led ballot measure campaign with members & partners
- City and County policymakers spurred to act as federal, state leaders fail
- Investment in capacity building supports both ballot measure & policy work



## Multilingual civic education

• Data driven best practices in

community building & engagement

VOTE

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#### Everyone Deserves a Place to Call Home REGISTER AND VOTE!

ASK US FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PROTECTING YOUR VOTE AND YOUR VOICE





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#### Training & materials support local organizing





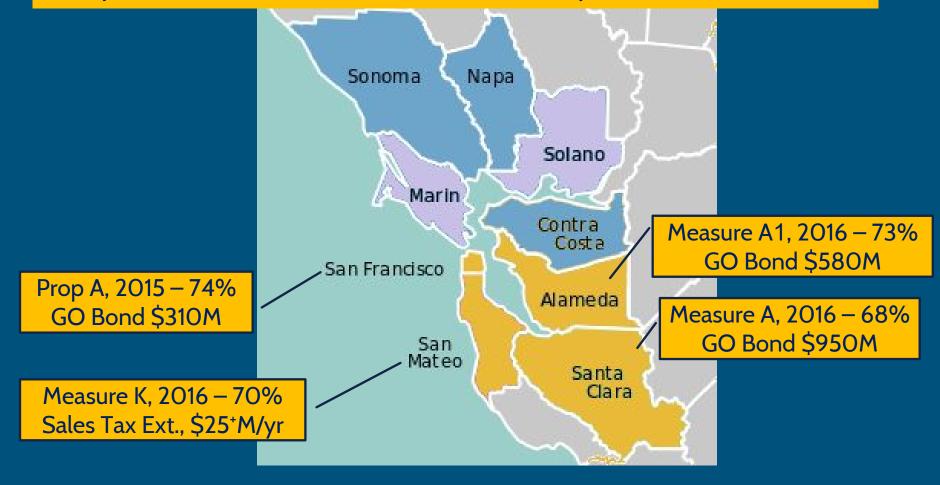
## **NPH ELECTORAL SUCCESS IN 2016**

BALLOT MEASURE	SUMMARY	APPROVAL PERCENTAGE
Alameda County Measure A1	\$580 million bond	73%
San Mateo County Measure K	1/2 cent sales tax extension	70%
Santa Clara County Measure A	\$950 million bond	67.88%

Source: County Elections

### Building public support and political will

Nearly \$2.5 billion in new investment via 4 county-level measures, 2015-16



#### SANTA CLARA COUNTY MEASURE A \$950 MILLION HOMELESS & HOUSING BOND

#### Affordable Housing Residents a KeyVoting Bloc

Database of registered affordable housing residents assists outreach



Yes – 67.88%	454,284
No	214,968
Margin of Victory	8,060
Resident Registration - June	I 2,470
Resident Registration – Nov.	15,511
Resident Turnout – Nov.	10,346

Ms. Irma Ortiz Credit: LifeSTEPS 2016

### Ballot campaigns added momentum to California legislative advocacy

• Resident voices flip "no" votes to "yes" -- and win leadership action









#### Residents United Network demonstrates power in Sacramento

## 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: A HOUSING PACKAGE -- WE WON!

- The Governor signed a historic housing package of over 18 bills
- All of NPH priority bills were signed this legislative session due to growing momentum and ballot measure wins.
- The package includes ongoing funding for affordable housing, a new state housing bond, and new tools for cities to build and preserve affordable housing.

# 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: A HOUSING PACKAGE -- WE WON!

- Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2: Atkins) establishes a permanent source of funding for affordable housing through a \$75 fee on real estate document filings.
- Affordable Housing Bond Act (SB 3: Beall) places a \$4 billion statewide general obligation bond for affordable housing on the November 2018 ballot to fund existing critical and successful affordable housing programs in California.

Gearing up: Nov 2018 bond campaign!

## Growing Momentum: 2018 & beyond

- Win state affordable housing bond campaign and county measures in 2018.
- Implementation implementation implementation.
- Build people power! Continue to lift up voices and engage the communities most impacted.
- Advance new policy tools and legislation, & lay groundwork for 2020 measures.
- Strategic communications matter!

Public investment is a priority!

### STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES



Building towards a future where everyone has a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home.

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#### Continuing momentum to 2018 and beyond...



Thank you!





Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

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