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SDSU's School of Public Affairs: Institute of Innovative Governance
Forum on Housing and Inequality in San Diego
Setting a 5-Year Applied Research Agenda (2019-2023)

February 28, 2018

The theme of the Housing Forum is “Housing and Inequality.” It addresses the dual and related forces of housing unaffordability and inequalities in income, wealth and race. The housing market can be seen as a giant apparatus that generates more wealth for people owning homes and diminishing wealth for those who do not, disproportionately people of color. Further, the subsidized housing stock is clearly inadequate to accommodate the increasing numbers in need. In the City of San Diego, for example, the Section 8 waiting list has increased from 34,356 households in FY 2012 to 91,644 in 2018.

The forum will document the myriad challenges related to housing affordability and social inequality and establish a 5-year research agenda to gather critical data and support policy changes in the San Diego Region. Possible policy changes are in three areas: 1) Protection of tenants; 2) Preservation of existing affordable housing and; 3) Production of affordable housing; the so-called three Ps. The following is a tentative schedule of the day's events.

- 8:30AM – 9:00AM **Coffee and registration.**
- 9:00AM – 9:15AM **Welcome and introductory remarks.**
Professor Sherry Ryan, Director of the School of Public Affairs &
Patricia Frosio, Director of the Institute for Innovative Governance
Professor Mounah Abdel-Samad, Social and Economic Vulnerability Initiative
- 9:15AM – 9:45AM **How housing contributes to widening inequality.**
Nico Calavita, Professor Emeritus, School of Public Affairs
- 9:45AM – 10:45AM **What housing data tell us, and what data is missing.**
Elizabeth Dickson (City of San Diego), Seth Litchney (SANDAG), Stephen Russell
(San Diego Housing Federation), Bruce Appleyard (SDSU)
Moderator: Professor Sherry Ryan (SDSU)
- 10:45AM – 11:00AM Break
- 11:00AM – 12:00PM **Tenant protections: Housing inequality from the perspective of community-based organizations.**
Paola Martinez (ACCE), Branden Butler (Legal Aid Society of San Diego),
Estela de los Rios (CSA San Diego County)
Moderator: Professor Megan Welsh (SDSU)
- 12:00PM – 12:45PM Lunch and Keynote Speaker
Georgette Gomez, City Council President – City of San Diego

- 12:45PM – 1:15PM **The housing crisis: multiple narratives and possible solutions.**
Nico Calavita, Professor Emeritus, School of Public Affairs
- 1:15PM – 2:15PM **Preservation and production: the role and impact of the *SD Housing Commission* and the *County Department of Housing & Community Development*.**
Emily Jacobs (SD Housing Commission), Wendy DeWitt (SD Housing Commission), David Estrella (County Department of Housing & Community Development)
Moderator: Patricia Frosio (SDSU)
- 2:15PM – 3:00PM **The role and impact of for-profit and non-profit developers.**
Andrew Malick (developer), Sue Reynolds (Community Housing Works)
Moderator: Professor Shawn Flanigan (SDSU)
- 3:00PM – 3:30PM ***Voices of Our City Choir***
- 3:30PM – 4:30PM **Community-based alternatives to housing protection, preservation and production.**
Tony Rohan Samara (Urban Habitat Oakland) Jean Diaz (San Diego Community Land Trust), Noni Session (East Bay Permanent Real Estate Cooperative)
Moderator: Professor Anna Kim (SDSU)
- 4:30PM – 5:00PM **How to lessen housing inequality in San Diego. Policy, research and data needs brainstorming session with conference attendees**
Stephen Russell, Sherry Ryan and Nico Calavita
- 5:00PM – 5:30PM Cocktail Reception