



MARIN COUNTY EQUAL VOICE COALITION

Working to Build Healthy Communities and Promote Social Equity in Marin County

Our Purpose: The **Marin County Equal Voice Coalition** represents a broad-based partnership of organizations that share a common vision for a healthier and more equitable Marin. We work collaboratively to address the need for policy change at the local level and county-wide, while remaining vigilant of state and federal policies that have the potential to improve our quality of life. We aim to connect service with advocacy and to empower our constituencies to participate in decision-making processes that shape our communities.

Our Platform: The **Marin County Equal Voice Platform** is the result of a year-long community process involving historically underrepresented residents and institutional partners from the public and private sectors. Together we identified 10 key advocacy issues that are critical to the well-being of working families. We enhance quality of life and promote thriving, equitable communities by advancing policy change in these areas:

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| 1. Economic Development | 4. Healthcare | 7. Education | 10. Childcare |
| 2. Housing | 5. Environmental Health | 8. Immigration | |
| 3. Civic Engagement | 6. Community Building | 9. Transportation | |

Our Principles: As we work to create positive change in our communities we actively seek out *integrated solutions* to *interconnected issues*. These solutions are rooted in *diversity, leadership, equality, justice, participation, and collaboration*.

Our Priority Project for 2010: The **Economic Development Task Force** arose as a response to the struggling economy, and was organized to promote an equitable, inclusive, and green economy for Marin County. Nearly \$50 million in stimulus funds have already been awarded in Marin, much of which is devoted to greening the economy. The **Economic Development Task force** is asking the tough questions such as who is benefitting from these funds and how are we defining the green economy. The **Economic Development Task Force** advocates for policies that revitalize communities, provide pathways out of poverty, increase job training opportunities, and produce more green-collar jobs.

TO PARTICIPATE: Organizations that would like to become a member of the **Marin County Equal Voice Coalition** and support the efforts of the **Economic Development Task Force** are asked to endorse below. By becoming part of the **Coalition**, your organization will have the opportunity to leverage resources, participate in organizational capacity building activities, access technical assistance, enhance communications, and attend quarterly convenings, all of which are geared toward effecting policy change and advancing social equity in our communities. For more information please contact Carolyn Placente at 415-451-4350 x310 or carolyn@maringrassroots.org.

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Representative's Email

Organization

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