



# HOUSING

We will support efforts to protect and expand the supply of housing that is needed by and affordable to all Marin residents. This includes engaging residents, particularly those from underserved neighborhoods and the shelter less, in affordable housing planning and advocacy activities.

*Source: 10 Point Grassroots Agenda created in 1998*

- 1) Have you see an increase in equality of opportunity in this area in Marin County during the last 10 years? If yes, please specify.

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Race and income level are still barriers to low income workers who work here but cannot work here.

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Affordable housing & low income are two different things. For people who are low income there is fewer support. Local & county zoning have put breaks on additional development. Habitat for Humanity has had difficulty. Very hard for 18-25 year olds. Many end up homeless.

- 2) Based on the 10-Point Grassroots Agenda statement above, should we change our strategy to further advance equality of opportunity in this area during the next 10 years in Marin?

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Yes. There is growing conflict over whether affordable housing in Marin City should be for residents or workers like teachers and police officers who cannot afford to live in Marin although they work here.

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Move housing up on the agenda (10 points) Marin Organizing Comm. is a good idea.

- 3) What is the role of leaders and legislators in ensuring that there is equality of opportunities in these areas?

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Raising these issues for public discussion, listen to the needs of the people. They should make space.

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They need to lead & listen to the people not just their special interests & funders. They need to form teams of community outreach. They should have staff whose responsibilities are to know what the community needs.

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