



2007

# NATIONAL INCLUSIONARY HOUSING CONFERENCE

*“Building Strong Mixed-Income Communities”*

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*Presented by: Business & Professional People for the Public Interest  
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with the Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California*

## CONFERENCE SUMMARY

The last week of October 2007 found 243 people from 27 states, the District of Columbia, the Canadian province of British Columbia and greater Johannesburg, South Africa, gathered for a memorable conference on inclusionary housing that left them more informed, more inspired and better connected.

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## *Here's what attendees had to say...*

### OVERALL CONFERENCE

Fantastic introduction to the subject.

Progress reports on how far IZ has come — very encouraging level of expertise and sophistication.

Excellent panelists. Smart participants and wonderful opportunities for them to contribute.

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Timely issues. Enjoyed it!!

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I liked the emphasis on keeping to time schedule and encouraging audience participation/discussion of subjects. This keeps it interesting and prompts active engagement. (Instead of being lectured.)

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Loved the 8 minute presentations with lots of time for questions and discussions; great interaction.

Venue, depth of info. quality/expertise of speakers, mobile classrm opps; opportunity to ask questions in each panel session Dwayne took amazing pictures!!

Getting exposed to a variety of ideas and chance to meet variety of people that may be able to help in the future.

Fantastic introduction to the subject.

Loved the small group breakfast topic tables — a great way to network.

Good dialogue among participants, very rich discussion.

Knowledge sharing, learning what other cities are doing. More time for discussion and sharing than in most conferences.

The best!!! Very impressive. Ran smoothly.

Commitment of participants was the highlight.

Content and staff were highlights.

Liked hearing speakers from all over the country. Well prepared presentations — with handouts and well done powerpoints. Very welcoming, friendly organizers and leaders. Leaving evenings free for time in this city! Location downtown near restaurants, transit, etc.

Well run; interactive panel sessions; Bernie good facilitator.

Pulled together a great number of people from all over the country, and opened my eyes to many successful programs beyond the few "super star" programs we hear so much about.

Highlights were: the panelists, the topics, the participants contributions to the discussion, and a sense of excitement and enthusiasm.

Liked the facilitation so that many voices could be heard and responded to.

Very smart people with real, hands-on experience in inclusionary housing over the long term. Lots of time for questions, and presenters could answer questions. Focused presentations. Enthusiasm, which is lacking at so many conferences. Lots of nitty gritty, which is more helpful than theory. I learned a couple of things that I immediately came back and included in our Housing Policy (which is essentially a voluntary IH policy).

Really knowledgeable panelists and participants. Many opportunities for discussion.

Great meeting other advocates who are working on similar issues.

Great time to network...

Coming to the conference knowing very little about the subject matter, it was an excellent introduction to "what" and "how." Very nice to talk to people with considerable knowledge and expertise in the subject.

Good range of participation, something for people both new to IH, and those who'd been around since the start.

The conference offered many insights and provided something for everyone (those just beginning an inclusionary housing program and those working through existing program issues). The Opening Session, Keynote Luncheon (Angela in particular) and Closing Session speakers were also a highlight as they set the tone for the conference and provided inspiration for the movement. The conference was also very well orchestrated. Kudos to all involved in making this a great conference. Thank you.

# ...about the 2007 National Inclusionary Housing Conference

The number of people doing this and having the opportunity to speak to them about where they are in the process and their experiences.

Solid information, well presented. Better than most conferences.

The plenary sessions and the large group speakers were excellent. The chance to interact with other people interested in Inclusionary Housing was also a great experience.

The quality of the participants both panelists and audience. The time allocated for discussion was key. - Opportunities to discuss ideas with other participants outside of the sessions was invaluable.

Thank you for a wonderful conference. Thank you for all that was done.

The NIHC was a wonderful event. Great information from all of the presenters and very inspiring keynote speakers. Kudos to you and all the other organizers.

Congratulations on a wonderful conference! Everything was so well-planned from beginning to end. It was very enjoyable.

## PLENARY SESSIONS

Video with list of IZ ordinances, photos and song was FABULOUS! Rusk always an inspiration with all his knowledge plus sense of humor and his advice working with/for developers. Mayor Newsom was a treat!

Very smart people. And stayed on time!

Excellent rating. The Opening Session set the tone (high expectations) for what followed, a very interesting and informative conference.

Great intro, especially with SF mayor. Also appreciated the wide context of IH, from NYC to Chicago to San Francisco.

Really good panel, with experience from across the US.

Lots of helpful advice.

I learned an immense amount about administering units, and won't have to make the same mistakes .. will make new ones.

Very helpful to understand why CA has 170 ordinances out of the 200+ in the US. We need more organizing to pass Fair Share laws at the state level!

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

Enjoyed comments from the mayor — demonstrates how power is moving and effective when strong political support exist.

Wednesday lunch speaker was amazing highlight of the conference. Socially uplifting.

Dynamic speaker, good length, good points.

Fabulous and inspirational.

Very inspiring - excellent.

Very inspirational and should be asked to attend and speak at the next conference.

Excellent. What an inspiration!

Excellent!! Terrific, dynamic speaker who rally brought home the importance of providing affordable housing in all communities.

Wonderful insights and inspiring!

Angela Blackwell's ability to link housing to the other movements is critical to the survival of housing. Too many housing folks think only about building and residents vs. neighborhood and poverty. Glad to hear about the work!

Wonderful to have the global context

Loved Carl Anthony's broad vision and hearing the perspective from South Africa. The presentation from South Africa was excellent and really highlighted how much we unfortunately have in common.

Wonderful gesture to include S. African presentation - a truly inclusionary approach.

## WORKSHOPS

Fantastic discussion and presentation.

Excellent information and practical discussion.

Excellent — you had the right people on the panel. This is an important panel for folks to understand who are crafting and implementing an ordinance.

Really helpful — concrete suggestions not just war stories!

Excellent rating. I gleaned good information for approaches to beginning our Inclusionary Housing Campaign.

Lots of good information about the range of IH ordinances in other cities under varied economic circumstances. Met interesting people working on interesting things. Spreading best practices.

The legal workshop was very helpful, especially with audience participation.