

July 10th Monthly Meeting

Affordable Housing & Community Benefits Panel

Moderator: Ozzie Lopez, Los Angeles City Affordable Housing Commission

Ozzie Lopez is the Chief Executive Officer of Immersion Workforce Los Angeles (IWLA). IWLA is a non-profit organization based in L.A. area focused on providing workforce training, capacity building, organizational change and educational/vocational programs linkages with non-profit organizations, high sector growth businesses interested in improving the L.A. based workforce. In his previous role Ozzie was the Director of Workforce Development with AltaMed Health



Services Corporation one of the fastest growing Federally Qualified Healthcare Center providers in Southern California. Ozzie managed at team of 45 staff with an annual budget of 3.5 million dollars in federal, state and foundation grants.

Ozzie is also currently Adjunct Faculty with East Los Angeles College teaching Political Science, serves as President of the City of Los Angeles Affordable Housing Commission, is a Board of Governors Board Member for L.A Care, and a Board Member with the Hollenbeck Pal Police Activity League.

Panelist: Beatriz Olvera Stotzer, New Economics for Women



Bea is an accomplished businesswoman, social entrepreneur, visionary, and pioneer in the economic development/asset building field. As CEO of New Capital LLC, she manages multi-million dollar portfolios of affordable housing, business, and economic development. New Economics for Women, a Latina economic development non-profit, was established through Bea's adeptness at navigating financial products. By leveraging an initial \$97,000 grant into more than \$280 million in investments, Bea has helped develop single and multi-family affordable housing in low-income communities throughout Southern California, simultaneously creating business incubators and small business loan funds.

With more than 30 years of thought-leadership experience, Bea has been recognized for her work on local, state, and national

levels. She has served as a trusted advisor to the Clinton Administration, the Mayor of Los Angeles, the Aspen Institute, and the Ford Foundation. She currently is a member of the Community Advisory Board for Capital Corps CDFI and the Catalyst Fund. A lifelong advocate for economic opportunities especially for vulnerable women and families, Bea was appointed to serve as a Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Women and Girls Initiative Governing Council

Panelist: Manuel Bernal, East Los Angeles Community Corporation



Manuel's nearly 30-year career in community development began as a Management Analyst for the City of Los Angeles Housing Department underwriting loans with HOME and CDBG funds. He later served as an Underwriter of equity investments at the National Equity Fund and was a co-founder and served as ELACC's first Executive Director. Manuel joined the Cesar Chavez Foundation (CCF) in 1999 and held the position of Executive Vice President for Housing and Economic Development until 2011, later serving on their Board of Directors from 2011 to 2017. Manuel later re-joined CCF as

its first Chief Operating Officer in March 2017. From 2011 to 2017, Manuel was the Director of Multi-family Housing for the City of Los Angeles. Manuel holds an Advanced Bachelor's degree in Economics from Occidental College.

Panelist: Paul Peninger, AECOM



Paul Peninger is the Director of Sustainable Economics for AECOM in the Americas region. He specializes in applying rigorous economic analysis to innovative urban policy and implementation projects. He has more than 20 years of experience in real estate feasibility analysis, city planning, and housing and economic development. With a broad background working for organizations in the public, private and non-governmental sectors, Mr. Peninger is an experienced leader focused on building vibrant, sustainable and equitable communities.

Before joining AECOM, Mr. Peninger managed his own real estate and housing policy consulting practice and was also formerly a principal with BAE Urban Economics. In addition, his professional experience includes working as Program Officer with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and as Policy Director for the Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California. He has been an appointed lecturer in land economics for the Master of Urban Design program at UC Berkeley since 2002.