Tour Guide Information

**Cathy Creswell**, President, Sacramento Housing Alliance, is an affordable housing and planning consultant working to preserve and increase the supply of safe, accessible, affordable homes as a platform for improving the lives of people with low incomes, ending homelessness, and strengthening families while creating healthy, equitable and economically vibrant communities. She spent over 25 years at the California Department of Housing and Community Development, including serving as Acting Director and Deputy Director for Housing Policy Development for over 10 years. She is the Board Chair of Mutual Housing California and is an Emeritus member of the California Planning Roundtable. She was recently appointed to the City of Sacramento Measure U Advisory Committee. She continues to work and volunteer on Statewide and local housing and community development issues including serving on task forces, speaking at conferences and workshops throughout the State and teaches a class at UC Davis Extension on Affordable Housing Planning and Development.

**Stephan Daues**, Mercy Housing Regional Director of Housing Development, serves on the board of directors of the Sacramento Housing Alliance. Stephan has led Mercy Housing’s real estate development efforts in the Sacramento region since 2006. Starting with Mercy Housing/RCHC in 1998, Stephan has 21 years of experience in affordable housing development doing direct project management for affordable family, elderly, and special needs new construction, adaptive re-use and rehabilitation type development projects. Stephan has experience in all aspects of affordable housing financing mechanisms, having led teams that conceptualized, financed and completed rural, urban and suburban type developments from Stockton to Redding, and Tahoe to the East Bay. Stephan has college degrees from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon and American University in Washington, D.C.

**Rachel Iskow**, Interim Executive Director, Sacramento Housing Alliance, served for 24 years as the CEO of Sacramento-based Mutual Housing California, a nonprofit that develops, operates and advocates for sustainable, affordable housing that builds strong communities through resident participation and leadership development. Under Rachel’s leadership at Mutual Housing, thousands of low-income families were able to stabilize their lives through affordable rents and Mutual Housing’s education and social programs and community engagement. Rachel is a skilled affordable housing developer, having put together development teams and financing structures for multifamily housing developments throughout the North Central Valley during her tenure as Mutual Housing CEO, and prior to that, as the director of rental housing development for Rural California Housing Corporation. At Sacramento Housing Alliance, Rachel advises community organizations and local government on solutions to the housing crisis and best practice policy and funding mechanisms to expand the supply of affordable housing. She has a BA from UC Berkeley and a master’s in urban planning from UCLA.