

Innovative LISC Training: Balancing Wealth Creation and Permanent Affordability in Homeownership Programs

Bay Area LISC recently conducted a free training, with sponsorship from Wells Fargo Bank, on how to balance the goals of permanent affordability and asset building when designing and implementing affordable homeownership programs.



Photo: Resources for Community Development □ Martin Luther King Homes



The training, held at the Santa Clara County Housing Authority offices, was targeted to public sector housing program managers and nonprofit housing developers. Training materials and tools from the session are available at the LISC Community Development Exchange website. [<more>](#)

Neighbors Make Ocean Avenue Glitter for the Holidays

Sparkling silver garland decorated the avenue and lights were strung, just in time for the holidays for residents and consumers. Members of the Ocean Avenue Revitalization Committee (OARC), a group of residents and local merchants, gathered on Saturday, Dec. 4 to decorate their neighborhood streetlights with silver garlands and lights for the Holiday Season. [<more>](#)



Photo: OARC member Joe Chu distributes garland along Ocean Avenue.

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Jorge Rivas is one of 12 Bay Area LISC AmeriCorps members placed with [community development organizations](#) in Northern California. In his short time with Eastlake Revitalization Initiative in Oakland, Rivas has already worked on projects including organizing neighborhood clean-ups and promoting and marketing Eastlake's emerging business district. □ AmeriCorps lets me be involved in real, on-the-ground work in low-income communities, while teaching me skills that will stay with me for the rest of my career in community development, □ said Rivas. [<more>](#)

LISC Welcomes Assistant Program Officer: Desirée Sideroff

Desirée Sideroff joined Bay Area LISC in November 2004, as part of the commercial corridor revitalization team. Sideroff is working in the Bayview and San Bruno Avenue areas, helping merchants and local residents improve their shopping districts. [<more>](#)



Photo: Desiree Sideroff

New Bay Area LISC Study: A Snapshot of Community Development

Bay Area LISC is currently undertaking a study of community development corporations (CDCs) in the greater Bay Area. The report is based on a survey of 75 local CDCs and documents: organizational characteristics, types and levels of real estate development and service provision, challenges and keys to success, and a number of other factors relevant to local community development. [<more>](#)

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