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**So, What Will It Take to Find Solutions to the Bay Area Housing Crisis?**

**Electeds, Business Leaders & Experts Provide Collective Action at Housing Solutions Forum**

**SAN JOSE, CA** – The time to act collaboratively is now as the housing imbalance becomes an ever-increasing barrier to employee retention, middle and low-income housing affordability and community quality of life.  That is why the Silicon Valley Leadership Group is presenting the Housing Solutions Forum at LinkedIn this morning for civil and fruitful discourse.  Confirmed are more than 180 attendees and 18 influential speakers who have viable expertise, tangible solutions, and a willingness to act collaboratively to move the ball forward in Silicon Valley and the Bay Area. Featured panelists include Senator Scott Weiner, Chair of the Senate Committee on Housing; Assemblymember David Chiu, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development; Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Steve Heminger and Executive Director; and Co-chair of CASA Lesyle Corsiglia.

**Challenge:**

* Since 2010 the Bay Area has added 722,000 jobs but constructed only 106,000 housing units
* Currently nearly 190,000 workers commute from outside the nine-county Bay Area to the business parks of Silicon Valley and the Tri-Valley

 **Forum Conversation:**

* Understand the opportunities and challenges related to maximizing housing around transit, collaborate on legislative solutions, hear the latest progress on the MTC-led CASA initiative and the ten recommendations of the CASA Compact

Media interested in attending should contact the Leadership Group Communications team at the numbers above. A detailed agenda can be found below.

**Location:**LinkedIn, Bldg. 4**,**700 E. Middlefield Road**,**Mountain View, CA

**Time:** 8:45 am -11:45 am

**Parking:**No special instructions. Parking available in parking lot outside of Bldg. 4

**2019 Housing Solutions Forum Agenda**

**9:30 am – Welcome and Opening**

**9:40 am – Opportunities for Transit-Oriented Development**

**Introduction:**Ariane Hogan, Genentech

Corrine Winter, ACE

Val Menotti, Chief Planning and Development Officer, BART

Michelle Bouchard, Chief Operating Officer, Caltrain

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, SF Muni

Farrhad Mansourian, General Manager, SMART

Nuria Fernandez, General Manager, VTA

**Moderated by:**John Diaz, San Francisco Chronicle

**10:25 am: Panel: Legislative and Local Solutions**

**Introduction:** Michael Matthews, Facebook

Senator Scott Weiner, Chair of Senate Committee on Housing

Assemblymember David Chiu, Chair of Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development

Menka Sethi, Global Mobility Manager, Facebook

Candice Gonzalez, Chief Housing Officer, Sand Hill Properties

**Moderated by:**Josh Moss, Silicon Valley Business Journal

**11:10 am: Casa Compact**

**Introduction:**Nicole Taylor, Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Lesyle Corsiglia, Executive Director, SV@Home & CASA Co-Chair

Steve Heminger, Executive Director, MTC

**Moderated by: Ed Clendaniel, Mercury News**

**11:10 am: Collective Action in 2019**

Participants vote on their top three housing solutions to move forward in 2019.

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**About Silicon Valley Leadership Group**

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