



## SPEAKER BIOS

**Dixie Baus** joined CORE Companies as the Director of Affordable Housing in August 2006. As Director, she has a managing role in the organization's affordable housing development activities and is responsible for overseeing the finance, production and on-going operations of each of the companies' rental communities.

Prior to joining CORE, Ms. Baus had gained 12 years experience working predominately with the Low Income Tax Credit Program in California, Missouri, Illinois, Florida, and Indiana, as it relates to the production of rental communities and the protection of investor's and lender's tax credits. Ms. Baus has experience working with Federal and State Low Income Tax Credit Programs, HOPE VI, HOME, Federal Historic Tax Credits, Local, State and Regional soft loan programs, Tax Exempt Bonds, and Federal Home Loan Bank to assist in the finance and construction of low and moderate income communities.

During Ms. Baus' career in real estate, she has sold more than \$20,000,000 in first time homebuyer homes in the Midwest, developed six communities with 650 units and managed a rental portfolio consisting of 21 communities and over 2,500 units. Ms. Baus holds a Bachelor of Science degree from McNeese State University in Louisiana and the National Certification of Housing Credit Compliance Professionals from the Home Builders Association.

**Joseph Perkins** is the President and C.E.O. of the Home Builders Association of Northern California (HBANC), which represents the San Francisco Bay Area and adjoining coastal areas. Prior to joining the HBANC, Mr. Perkins was a nationally-syndicated columnist based in San Diego. He also served on the White House staff of former Vice President Dan Quayle, as his Deputy Assistant for Domestic Policy, and was an editorial page writer for The Wall Street Journal.

**Don Weden** was the Principal Planner for the Comprehensive Planning Section of the Santa Clara County Planning Office for many years prior to his retirement in 2003. During his 34 years with Santa Clara County Planning, he managed a wide range of planning studies, including the most recent comprehensive revision of the County's General Plan and update of the County's Housing Element.

Since his retirement, he has taken on the role of an unpaid community advisor and educator, giving numerous presentations that encourage local communities to prepare for the significant changes and challenges that will be coming our way in the years ahead. These challenges will greatly impact our lives and those of our children and future generations. He serves on the boards of directors of the Housing Leadership Council for Santa Clara County, San Francisco Bay Trail Project, Santa Clara County League of Conservation Voters.

**Linda Wheaton** is the Assistant Deputy Director for the Division of Housing Policy Development of the State Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD). The Division supports development, analysis, and implementation of State housing policy and administers a host of planning functions and programs, working directly with local and regional governments. Ms. Wheaton manages key processes including implementation of the regional housing need allocation (RHNA) process used for updating local general plan housing elements; the State Housing Plan and Consolidated Plan; support for design of local assistance programs, such as the State Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program; and coordination activities with other State agencies, including Caltrans via Regional Blueprint planning.

Ms. Wheaton has over 25 years of work and volunteer experience in the local government, nonprofit, and foundation sectors. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and has a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of California, Berkeley

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