

# Making Housing and Community Happen

## Education

One-day Housing Justice Institutes  
One-year Housing Justice Cohort  
Educational initiatives

## Advocacy

North Fair Oaks Empowerment Initiative  
Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group  
(GPAHG)

## Organizing

Listening to and organizing around the community's stories, dreams and concerns; developing leaders who see and feel the pain, visualize the community and church assets, and who are able to establish appropriate partnerships, such as with affordable housing developers, and other nonprofits like LA Voice.



**Everyone has something unique and important to contribute. Join MHCH!**

**Housing Justice Institute:** To learn more about the One-Day Housing Justice Institute, contact Jill Shook at [jill@makinghousinghappen.com](mailto:jill@makinghousinghappen.com)

(626)675-1316 (cell and text)

**Join the Greater Pasadena Area Housing Group (GPAHG)** We meet at 7 pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month at:

Orange Grove Friends Meetinghouse  
520 E. Orange Grove Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91104

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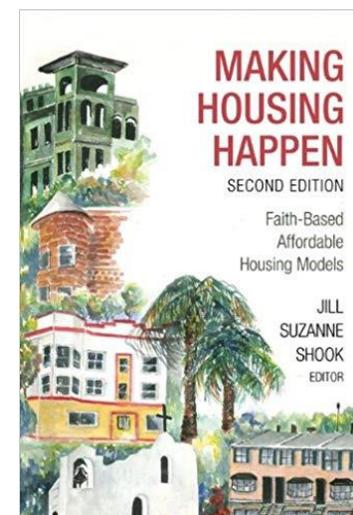
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*Educating and Empowering  
Congregations for Housing  
Justice*

**Advocating:** The Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group

**Educating:** Housing Justice Institutes

**Organizing:** N. Fair Oaks Empowerment)





## EDUCATING: HOUSING JUSTICE INSTITUTES

One-Day and One-Year Housing Justice Institutes equip congregations, community leaders, and neighbors with practical tools needed to end homelessness and to stabilize the cost of housing through education, advocacy and organizing. We look at our own personal housing stories, the story of our community and the story of land and housing in the Bible, and the story of affordable housing in the US for the past 100 years — factors that have caused segregation and today's crisis, what we have learned that works.

- We look at what churches are doing to build affordable housing,
- Best practices to end homelessness.
- A practical theology of land use and advocacy.
- An overview of policies that work and what it takes to mobilize congregations to do housing justice.

### Housing Justice One-Day Institutes:

To date we have done eight One-Day Institutes with anywhere from 20-120 passionate folks participating: 2 in Broomfield, CO, 2 in Denver, CO; 'One for the Colorado Habitat staff, and in Pasadena, Temple City, and in Monrovia, CA

## ADVOCATING: OUR SUCCESSES

### Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group (GPAHG)

- ⇒ Participated in crafting Pasadena's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance in 2001 which as of July 2019 has produced 579 affordable units and put over \$26 million into the city's affordable housing trust fund. 488 additional units were created or preserved through leveraging these fees. On 8-20-19 we won an increase from 15% to 20% of all new housing to be affordable.
- ⇒ We successfully advocated for 69 permanent supportive housing units for homeless seniors on 12-17-18
- ⇒ Successfully advocated to have a Pasadena Housing Department.
- ⇒ Helped make ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units, "Granny Flats") easier to build.
- ⇒ Helped to improve and strengthen Pasadena's "Housing Element"— a required document for CA cities to demonstrate a plan for providing housing in a city for all income levels.
- ⇒ Strengthened Pasadena's Tenant Protection Ordinance, which prior to our advocacy served to protect landlords.
- ⇒ Successfully advocated for nine Habitat Homes under the Colorado St Bridge, which was formerly an army base. And much more!

### We have five subcommittees:

1. **Inclusionary Housing**
2. **Homeless housing (Permanent Supportive Housing)**
3. **ADU-Accessory Dwelling Units**
4. **Safe Parking in collaboration with Foothill Unity in Monrovia**
5. **Using Church Land to build affordable housing**

## ORGANIZING: The North Fair Oaks Empowerment Initiative:

We trained churches to survey 150 of the residents, church members, and businesses in a blighted stretch of the N. Fair Oaks between Howard and Woodbury, listening for the dreams and concerns of residents in this disenfranchised corner of Pasadena.

We asked if they wanted to join this effort to realize their dreams. We mobilized the community to close down the street for the NW Jobfest, which attracted 500 people to celebrate the community, get to know each other, apply for jobs and imagine a new future.

We did listening focus groups in partnership with the Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition and identified 15 items to slow traffic and beautify the street.

We trained local congregational leaders on how to go to the city to ask for what they want. Seven of the 15 items are have been completed, including a \$268,000 traffic signal.

