

Panel discussion: Gentrification & Displacement

Tuesday, March 8th 5-6pm
MOHCD - 5th Floor Room 5080

- How is Displacement/Gentrification impacting San Francisco, both retrospectively and prospectively?
- What are the long-term implications of San Francisco's current economic state as it relates to our neighborhoods?
- What are the current data trends and what are some of the community based responses?

PRESENTERS:

Miriam Zuk, Ph.D. is project director of the Urban Displacement Project and senior researcher at UC Berkeley in affiliation with the [Institute of Governmental Studies](#) and the [Institute for Research on Labor & Employment](#). She has 15 years of experience in the fields of environmental justice and equitable development.

Dr. Zuk currently leads work on residential displacement in the Bay Area in collaboration with the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and seven community-based organizations. She also teaches research design and writing to graduate students in the Department of City and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley. Dr. Zuk completed her Ph.D. in 2013 at UC Berkeley in the Department of City and Regional Planning. She previously served as the Deputy Director of Air Quality Research for the Mexican Ministry of Environment. Dr. Zuk received her M.S. in Technology and Policy from MIT and her B.A. in Environmental Sciences from Barnard College.

Antonio Díaz is the Organizational Director for [People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights \(PODER\)](#). Prior to joining PODER, Antonio was the Co-coordinator of the EcoJustice Networking Project at the Institute for Global Communications in San Francisco.

Before moving to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1995, Antonio's previous work in the environmental justice movement included working as a Research Associate at the Texas Center for Policy Studies where he conducted research on a variety of statewide environmental issues, with a focus on the Texas/Mexico border. Additionally, he coordinated the Texas Environmental & Economic Justice Resource Center where he conducted research and made presentations on environmental justice issues and coordinated a statewide environmental justice network and its activities. Antonio was a founding member and Board Chair of People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources (PODER) in Austin, Texas, and served on the Coordinating Council of the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice from 1990 to 1995.

Gordon Chin is the founding Executive Director of San Francisco's [Chinatown Community Development Center](#) (Chinatown CDC), serving in this position until his retirement in October, 2011. Established in 1977, Chinatown CDC is an award winning community development corporation with a comprehensive program of community organizing, neighborhood planning, affordable housing development, property management and resident services. The organization has developed or rehabilitated over 2,800 units of affordable housing over the past three and a half decades.

In his new book, "[Building Community, Chinatown Style](#)," Chin writes about his decades as an activist, the Asian American movement, and how the organization he founded - the Chinatown Community Development Center - works on issues like transportation and public space to preserve the area he came to call home.

Information and Links on Gentrification, Displacement, & Community Responses –

1. The Urban Displacement Project Executive Summary:

http://www.urbandisplacement.org/sites/default/files/images/urban_displacement_project_-_executive_summary.pdf

2. Mapping Urban Displacement and Gentrification:

<http://www.urbandisplacement.org/map>

3. People Powered Planning – Recommendations for District 11:

<http://www.podersf.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/CUHJ-Full-English-Report-English.pdf>