Community and social resilience cannot be achieved unless all people, regardless of race or income, are engaged equitably in our political and economic systems. This session will bring to life the third key threat facing our region—displacement—and the reality of what small businesses, affordable housing residents and building owners are facing in the shadow of historic economic disinvestment and regulatory barriers. Panelists will also explore system change strategies to increase social resilience now before an even greater disaster de-stabilizes our communities. Participants will walk away with a clear understanding of real-time innovative solutions that work and the persisting gaps and issues in the system.

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Reception: Ready to unwind and continue the conversation? Join us for light hors d’oeuvres at The Stocking Frame located around the corner at 911 S Hill Street, immediately following the forum.
Get Lunch | 20 minutes

Lunch Panel | Defining the Landscape: Financing + Funding for Resilience
12:35 pm - 1:45 pm

Moderator: Esther Toporovsky | Senior Program Director, Green Communities, Enterprise Community Partners

Kat Taylor | CEO, Lendistry

Marion McFadden | Vice President, Public Policy, Enterprise Community Partners

Nuin-Tara Key | Resilience Program Manager, State of California Governor’s Office of Planning and Research

Paul Beesemeyer | Director, Southern California, California Housing Partnership Corporation

This session will cover the current system for financing + funding resilience, including federal, state and regional resources for community resilience, with a focus on affordable housing and small businesses. Our panel of experts will also discuss specific structural changes and strategies that can better support community resilience and investments that do not create or exacerbate inequities and disparities, including displacement of tenants.

Innovation Lab Introduction + Transition
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm

Innovation Lab
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Case study provided to each group with specifics on the building, owner, and tenants; Participants will work through a worksheet and develop a vision for a financing or funding strategy based on their case study perspective.

BREAK | 10 minutes

Report Out + Discussion (Main Room)
3:40 pm - 4:45 pm

Kat Taylor | CEO + Co-Founder, Beneficial State Bank

Laurie A. Johnson | Principal and Founder, Laurie Johnson Consulting | Research

Each team (table) will give an elevator pitch on their big idea (the vision + minimum protections they created together), where it falls along the capital spectrum, and give highlights of their neighborhood scaling solution. After the big ideas are shared we will discuss key themes, intersections, “aha” moments discovered in the Innovation Labs. Then, we will close with a discussion on what actions are necessary to shift to a new system that prioritizes financing equitable community resilience.

Game Plan + Moving Forward
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm