

Policy Forum: Combating Homelessness in Orange County

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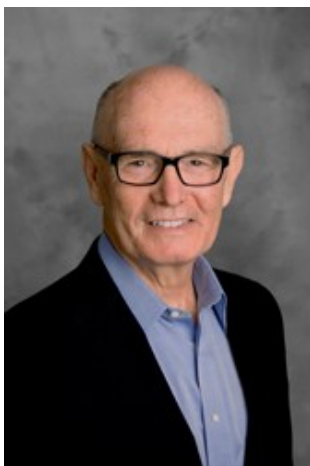
Panelists:

Lou Penrose



Lou Penrose is the principal consultant at Lou Penrose Government Relations, a Southern California based full service government relations and public affairs firm specializing in Federal, State, and Local government relations and issue advocacy. Lou Penrose also serves as a Commissioner on Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission. Previously, he served as Executive Director for the Apartment Association of Orange County, District Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman John Campbell, and Senior Advisor to U.S. Congressman Ed Royce.

George Searcy



George Searcy is the Senior Vice President of Jamboree Housing Corporation. Jamboree Housing is a broad-based nonprofit housing development company that develops, acquires, renovates and manages permanently affordable rental and ownership housing throughout

California for working families, seniors, and people with special needs. George oversees Jamboree's extensive programming that provides residents with social, employment, education, and health services designed to enhance the quality of individual and family life.

Milo Peinemann



Milo Peinemann leads American Family Housing with 15 years of experience in housing and homeless services and brings an in-depth understanding of homeless services and housing policy and development, including real estate lending and investment, asset management of permanent supportive housing, the leasing and operations of supportive services for supportive housing and bridge housing, and real estate project management.

Jennifer Friend



Jennifer Friend is the CEO at Project Hope Alliance, an Orange County nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the cycle of homelessness. Since 2013, more than 850 children and their families have been moved out of homelessness under her leadership as CEO. Jennifer has been successful in identifying, leveraging, and acting upon opportunities and partnerships both within the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. Her personal experience as a homeless child fuels her deep-rooted passion and commitment to homeless children and youth.

Lisa A. Bartlett



Lisa A. Bartlett is the 5th District on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the 6th largest county in the county, and represents south Orange County.

Heather Stratman



Heather Stratman has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of California Cities-Orange County (ACC-OC) since February 2016. ACC-OC is an advocacy organization that represents the interests of Orange County cities on regional public policy issues. She came to ACC-OC after 20 years in local government and legislative advocacy, private-sector

management and policy development. She has worked with Orange County cities to lead discussions and address concerns on this pressing issue.

Kris Murray



Kris Murray is an elected member of the Anaheim City Council, currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Kris led the call to declare a state of emergency on the city of Anaheim's growing homeless issue — especially along the Santa Ana River Bed. She introduced a resolution called Operation Home Safe and under this proposal the city would ramp up its efforts with the county, nonprofits and neighboring law enforcement agencies to address this issue.

Keynote:

Mark Putnam



Mark is Executive Director of the Accelerator YMCA, which provides trauma-informed housing, behavioral health, and supportive services to youth, young adults and their families. From 2013 to 2017, Mark was Executive Director of All Home, a broad coalition of government, business, faith communities, nonprofits, and homeless advocates working together to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time. During that time, Mark led the transformation of Seattle/King County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) and 10-Year

Planning Body into a single, collective impact, community-oriented, and focused organization. All Home increased federal homeless funding for the region by 33% and increased the number of people becoming housed by nearly 80% over the past four years.

MPP Student Moderators:

Edgar Garcia



Edgar Garcia is a second year Master of Public Policy candidate at the University of California, Irvine. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Criminal Justice from California State University, Stanislaus. Edgar is currently interning for the City of Santa Ana's City Manager office and aspires to be a city manager himself one day.

Bea Gadduang



Bea Gadduang is a first year Master of Public Policy candidate at the University of California, Irvine. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from California State

University, Dominguez Hills. Her research and policy interests are education, housing, and environmental policy to name a few.

Shayla Wilson



Shayla Wilson is a second year Master of Public Policy candidate at the University of California, Irvine. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from University of California, San Diego with an emphasis on social inequality. Her research and policy interests focus on criminal justice, inequality, and women's issues such as gender-based violence on a local to international scale.