



## Fair Housing elects new president of board

Fair Housing Marin has got a new head of household—as the housing-discrimination watchdog agency has elected Novato resident Paula Allen to be its new president of the board of directors.

According to Fair Housing officials, Allen's experience in residential mortgages and business capitalization was a feather in her cap in landing the position; Allen has been manager of San Rafael's Mechanics Bank since 2008.

Allen says her position at Mechanics "meshes perfectly" with Fair Housing Marin's mission to identify and eliminate housing discrimination and promote housing rights.

"Supporting community development is a crucial function of a community bank," says Allen. "Discrimination in housing is an obstacle to healthy community development and a financial drain upon the community by blocking critical funding available to promote and support dynamic housing development."

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