

**Alliance for Regional Stewardship  
National Forum on Regional Stewardship  
Concurrent Session: Regional Equity  
Thursday, May 5th  
3:15 – 4:45 p.m.**

Assuring that all members of a community have the ability to succeed is an important driver to community well-being. Regional approaches are proving that collaboration across jurisdictional lines is a useful tool.

**Moderator: Katherine Perez, Executive Director, Transportation and Land Use Collaborative of Southern California...**

Exponential growth in So. CA; people can't afford to live in SoCal and going elsewhere.

- Median cost of housing in CA = \$460,000
- Healthcare is being affected...people going to Mexico for health services
- Transportation infrastructure...practically insolvable...
- Education/Jobs/Open Space...
- How to provide equity on a regional scale?

**Gail Christopher, Director, Health Policy Institute, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Washington, D.C.**

Challenge to make public health care disparities in regional equity issues...

**Meredith Freeman, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Detroit, Michigan...**

LISC project...call for concept papers...new effort...

- Planning process questions...
- Program requirements...
- Race and cultural relations...

**M. von Nkosi, Director, Mixed Income Communities Initiative, Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership**

- Ford Foundation provides one-to-one match...
- Regional equity seen as a link for mixed income and affordable housing
- Key is expanding choices...
- Quality of life...can your children afford to live in the neighborhood when they grow up?