

We would like to invite you to participate in a forum on the delivery of rental and owned housing in Vancouver. The focus of the forum is on issues from the perspective of landlords and developers involved in the housing market and housing development. This forum is sponsored by the *Housing Justice Project* and *The Rental Housing Council*.

**Concisely, the forum has been organized to bring together important stakeholders in the process and politics of the provision of adequate housing in Vancouver. It will provide an opportunity for representatives of landlords, property managers, and developers to share concerns and propose solutions that can be used to inform housing policy. A longer description follows below.**

#### Where and When?

*Forum on Housing Issues in Vancouver*  
November 26, 2013 8:30 am – 10:00 am  
World Art Centre, SFU Woodward's  
Room 2555 - 148 West Hastings Street  
A light breakfast will be provided, beginning at 8:00 am.

We are very keen to have your involvement in this initiative. Please let us know if you are able to attend by emailing our Research Assistant Maureen Mendoza ([info@housingjustice.ca](mailto:info@housingjustice.ca)).

Thank you so much for considering this invitation. More details about the event (and us) are set out below.

Sincerely,

Margot Young  
Professor, LAW UBC

Penny Gurstein  
Professor and Director, SCARP UBC

#### Why a forum?

The purpose of the forum is two-fold. First, importantly, it will serve as an opportunity for those providing and administering rental housing in Vancouver to share and discuss the range of issues, problems, and solutions that proceed from their perspectives on the current crisis around adequate housing in Vancouver. Second, the forum will provide the Housing Justice Project with key insights into creative thinking about reform of housing policy and law necessary to addressing the shortage of adequate housing in Vancouver. Discussion points from this forum will inform the Project's research going forward and will be used in the development of policy alternatives for Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels of government.

#### Who are the sponsors?

The Housing Justice Project is a UBC collaborative research initiative sponsored by the Peter Wall Solutions Initiative. Dr. Penny Gurstein (School of Community and Regional Planning, UBC) and Prof. Margot Young (Faculty of Law, UBC) are the leaders of the Housing Justice Project. The Project is in its second year of working with Vancouver community members to stimulate discussion of, and solutions to the housing issues facing the city. [The Project's website](#) provides more information, including a description of its partners, Pivot Legal Society and the Canadian Rental Housing Coalition.



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