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# Reforming State Zoning for Affordability, Integration, and Growth

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New York University School of Law

**PANELISTS:** **Sara Bronin**  
Thomas F. Gallivan Chair in Real Property Law, University of Connecticut School of Law and Faculty Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Law

**Adam Gordon**  
Executive Director, Fair Share Housing Center

**Michael Lens**  
Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

**Mary Kyle McCurdy**  
Deputy Director, 1000 Friends of Oregon

**MODERATOR:** **Noah Kazis**  
Legal Fellow, NYU Furman Center

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## **ABOUT THE PANELISTS**

### **SARA C. BRONIN**

#### **Thomas F. Gullivan Chair in Real Property Law and Faculty Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Law**

Sara C. Bronin (formerly Galvan) is a Mexican-American architect and attorney whose scholarly research focuses on property, land use, historic preservation, and climate change law. As Gullivan Chair, she organizes public conferences and speaks frequently in the United States and internationally. She has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute, and she is the lead author of the land use volume of the forthcoming Fourth Restatement of Property. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she serves as faculty director for the Law School's Center for Energy & Environmental Law. At UConn, she is an affiliate faculty member of the Department of Public Policy, the Sustainable Global Cities Initiative (where she serves on the Advisory Committee), and the Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering, and she serves on the grant-funded Transportation, Technology, and Society Research Group.

Professor Bronin received bachelor degrees in architecture and Plan II liberal arts honors from the University of Texas, a master's degree from the University of Oxford (as a Rhodes Scholar), and a law degree from Yale Law School. While in law school, she clerked for then-Judge Sonia Sotomayor on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

### **ADAM GORDON**

#### **Executive Director, Fair Share Housing Center**

Adam M. Gordon is Executive Director at Fair Share Housing Center. He joined the organization as an Equal Justice Works Fellow in 2006. In his work with FSHC, Gordon has litigated at the New Jersey Supreme Court and Appellate Division and worked on state and federal policy issues including very-low-income housing in high opportunity communities, Low Income Housing Tax Credit allocation, and statewide fair share allocation. Gordon is also co-founder of the magazine Next City, which the New York Times described as a "subtle plan to change the world," and a non-resident fellow at the NYU Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy where he has worked on several initiatives on reshaping federal housing policy to focus on sustainable and inclusive communities. A New Jersey native, Gordon holds a B.A. and J.D. from Yale University.

### **MICHAEL LENS**

#### **Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs**

Michael Lens is Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy, and Associate Faculty Director of the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies. Professor Lens's research and teaching explore the potential of public policy to address housing market inequities that lead to negative outcomes for low-income families and communities of color. This research involves housing interventions such as subsidies, tenant protections, and production. Professor Lens regularly publishes this work in leading academic journals and his research has won awards from the Journal of the American Planning Association and Housing Policy Debate.

In ongoing research, Professor Lens is studying the neighborhood context of eviction, the role of charter schools in neighborhood change, and is engaged in multiple projects (with Mike Manville and Paavo Monkkonen) concerning housing supply in California. Lens is also working on a book project that examines fifty years of neighborhood change in Black neighborhoods following the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

## **ABOUT THE PANELISTS (cont'd)**

### **MARY KYLE MCCURDY**

#### **Deputy Director, 1000 Friends of Oregon**

Mary Kyle has a long and distinguished career as an attorney specializing in Oregon's land use planning program. She has been affiliated with 1000 Friends of Oregon for 35 years, and as Deputy Director, she serves as their senior staff attorney, legislative lead, and as the person who oversees all of their program work.

Born and raised near Chicago, she earned her BA in Human Biology at Stanford and her JD at UC Davis, clerking for a judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. It was in between her undergraduate and graduate work that she discovered 1000 Friends of Oregon.

### **NOAH KAZIS (Moderator)**

#### **Legal Fellow, NYU Furman Center**

Noah Kazis is a Legal Fellow at the NYU Furman Center. Previously, he worked at the New York City Law Department, where he represented the City in matters including the development of legislation limiting greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, the defense and implementation of the City's sanctuary city policies, and two rounds of charter revision. He also served as a law clerk for the Honorable Douglas P. Woodlock of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the Honorable Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Noah is a graduate of Yale Law School, where he was a student director of the Community and Economic Development Clinic, working to build affordable housing in New Haven and to support anti-exclusionary zoning policies in Connecticut and New Jersey. His research focuses on land use and local government law, with a particular emphasis on the institutional structures of local governments.

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