



# Council for Affordable and Rural Housing

*Serving the Affordable Housing Needs of Rural America*

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## *Navigating the Present and Shaping the Future*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2018 CARH Midyear Meeting, a core event for those involved in the affordable housing industry. This year's meeting consists of educational sessions, committee meetings, awards presentations, networking with colleagues and vendors, as well as leisure time for fun and exploration in the area. The full schedule and all CARH meeting materials, including speaker biographies, are available on [www.carh.org](http://www.carh.org) for viewing online at the meeting or for download.

**On Monday**, the **CARH standing committees** will meet and provide current, detailed information on the industry and CARH, as well as provide a forum for members to bring up issues important to them. The committees will provide their recommendations to the Board of Directors meeting Monday afternoon for action. The **Opening Networking Reception** on Monday evening at our meeting hotel, the Westin Verasa Napa, will cap off a full day. Enjoy dinner on your own in any of the outstanding restaurants nearby. Please visit [www.visitnapavalley.com/restaurants](http://www.visitnapavalley.com/restaurants) to discover the many fine restaurants available.

**Tuesday's** speakers range from government regulators, developers, owners, managers and other industry leaders. A highlight of **Tuesday's** program will be the **Awards Luncheon**. CARH will present the Harry L. Tomlinson Award for excellence in affordable rural housing, the State Affiliated Association of the Year Award, and the Member of the Year Award. Tuesday afternoon, guests will have time to enjoy shopping, sightseeing, wine tasting, and other leisure activities in the Napa area. For more information on the Napa Valley region, please visit [www.visitnapavalley.com](http://www.visitnapavalley.com).

**On Tuesday** evening plan to meet your colleagues for a special **Reception** at the B Cellars destination winery. The unique cave setting provides an experience like no other. During the reception, the CARH Scholarship Foundation will raise awareness of their ongoing work in providing scholarships to deserving students. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many delicious restaurants in the area.

Many of our CARH Preferred Buyer Vendors are exhibiting at the meeting. We encourage you to meet them during breaks and meals and learn more about their products and services. CARH Preferred Buyer Vendors provide CARH members with valuable discounts.

The success of the CARH Midyear Meeting depends upon the help and support of many people. We are indebted to the speakers who are invaluable to CARH. We appreciate the vendors who provide goods and services. We are grateful to the sponsors who have made much of our program possible. Members of the CARH National Staff have worked tirelessly to create a program that is worthy of your valuable time. Finally, thank you for attending and for your continued support of CARH and its mission!

Sincerely,

Tanya Eastwood  
President, CARH