

## Visionary Marin Honoree Bios - June 2017

**Katie Crecelius** has worked in the affordable housing field for many years. She has completed 30 small low-income rental housing and other developments for non-profit organizations in the Bay Area. Most of these developments house persons with disabilities. In addition to her professional work, Ms. Crecelius has volunteered in various capacities.

She is past Chair of the Novato Housing Coalition. She is also a past Novato Housing and Services Commissioner and a former Chair of the Marin Economic Commission. She served on the Marin County Planning Commission from 2007-2016. Currently, she serves on the Board of Canal Alliance and the Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative.

She is the recipient of the 2004 Beryl H. Buck Award for individual achievement from the Marin Community Foundation, the 2007 Hannah Creighton Award for Environmental Justice from the Sierra Club Marin Group, a 2010 Leadership Award, "We're All in this Together" from the North Bay Leadership Council, and a 2014 Certificate of Recognition from the Marin County Human Rights Commission.

**Jeff Bialik** retired in June 2017 as Executive Director of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Under Mr. Bialik's leadership, Catholic Charities expanded programs and services, adding 10 new programs focusing on homelessness and housing, children and youth, and refugees and immigrants; launched a new brand identity, logo and website; increased fundraising efforts and increased engagement with volunteers; greatly expanded community partnerships and relationships with Catholic parishes and the Bay Area Interfaith Community; and formalized Catholic Charities' role in advocating for social justice. Mr. Bialik is an Adjunct Instructor of Management in the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, and has previously served on the Board of Trustees for Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Charities of California, Marin Education Fund (now 10,000 Degrees), American Red Cross Bay Area, and the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce. He has also been a member of the Leadership Committee for MarinKids and the Founding Steering Council for Rise Together. He previously worked for Dominican University and Golden Gate University.

Now retired, **Steven Saxe** was partner in the law firm of Boyden, Cooluris & Saxe, specializing in consumer banking and related financial matters. He is a founding member of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers and was active on the American Bar Association Consumer Finance Committee.

Mr. Saxe has actively advocated for the availability of housing in our community, particularly that which is affordable to those in the middle- and lower-income levels. He is a board member of the Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative, has served on the board of affordable housing developer EAH, and for several years presided over the board of what is now **Fair Housing** Advocates of Northern California.

Steven is an active member of Congregation Rodef Sholom, having been on its board of directors and its president. He and his wife, Joanne, raised two children, who have both become rabbis.