



## **The Nuts and Bolts of ADUs in Los Altos – It’s Easier in 2020**

### **Agenda**

- 6:15 – 6:45 Update on California laws relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)  
Guido Persicone, Planning Services Manager, City of Los Altos  
Clarifying questions
- 6:45 – 7:00 Light refreshments, compliments of Los Altos Community Foundation
- 7:00 – 7:45 Panel presentation moderated by Cathy Lazarus  
Jon Biggs, Community Development Director, City of Los Altos  
Fathia Macauley, Chief Lending Officer, Housing Trust Silicon Valley  
Greg Popovich, Principal, Goldbar Builders, LLC  
John Geary, Co-founder, Abodu  
Jessica Resmini, Principal Architect, ADU Collective  
Clarifying Questions
- 7:45 – 8:30 Individual Questions and Concerns with experts including  
Jon Biggs, City of Los Altos  
John Geary, Abodu  
Kamal Hyder, SFBayADU  
David Klein, Modern Empathy  
Fathia Macauley, Housing Trust Silicon Valley  
Greg Popovich, Goldbar Builders, LLC  
Jessica Resmini, ADU Collective  
Mila Zelkha, Manzanita Works

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### Speaker Bios

**Guido F. Persicone** has over sixteen years of urban planning experience having served the past 11 years in East Palo Alto. He has rewritten the secondary dwelling unit ordinance twice and is looking forward to implementing the latest revisions imposed by the State of California in Los Altos.

**Jon Biggs** has served California Cities for over thirty years, during which time he has managed the diverse Community Development Departments of four unique communities. He has been witness to the ever-changing role the state has taken in the regulation of accessory dwelling units and has assisted communities to update their accessory dwelling unit regulations in response to new state mandates.

**Fathia Macauley** joined Housing Trust as Chief Lending Officer in 2019. Fathia was most recently California Market Lead at Capital Impact Partners, leading strategic planning for affordable housing lending and business strategy for California. In the field of community development finance for 25 years, Fathia holds a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning and a BA in History/African Area Studies, both from UCLA.

**Greg Popovich** specializes in site built ADUs. He has been involved with ADUs since October 2016, is proficient in the ADU laws, and works with cities and counties to help them meet compliance. Prior to his focus on ADUs, Greg had been involved with land entitlement and development (over 4000 units), construction projects ranging from custom homes to industrial condominiums, and real estate investment, brokerage, finance and management.

Cupertino native **John Geary** co-founded Abodu in 2018 to help homeowners easily add an ADU to their property. Abodu builds pre-fabricated detached ADUs that are well-designed and installed with only a few weeks of construction. John graduated from Northwestern University with an engineering degree and spent 4 years working with Bain & Co. He learned home building from his father, who has built over 500 homes in the Bay Area.

With 17 years of architectural and design experience, **Jessica Resmini** has a passion for truly listening and being a team facilitator for clients, consultants, contractors, and others. Jessica served on the Coastside Design Review Committee from 2009-2015. In 2018, she began to focus solely on the design and development of urban infill by creating the ADU Collective, founded on the principle of community, clients, and cities working together to find housing solutions. She holds a BS in Environmental Design from UC Davis.