

Thursday, November 18, 2010 Workshop

Saffron Strand's One-Hour Workshop on "Worker Cooperatives: A Model for Richmond" takes place Thursday, November 18, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at the Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, CA 94801.

The City of Richmond is planning a "cooperative incubator," a new approach to local small business development. The goal of the incubator is to help start up local co-op businesses, thereby increasing local employment and income. Such cooperative-based enterprises also may offer innovative new opportunities for homeless persons, including Saffron Strand members, who are working toward economic independence.

About the presenter, Kim Coontz

The workshop features Kim Coontz, executive director of the California Center for Cooperative Development (CCCD), who is collaborating with city officials to develop Richmond's co-op incubator. Kim has more than 20 years experience working with cooperative enterprises, providing start-up assistance to new co-ops, including help with feasibility studies and business plans. She is the author of numerous publications and articles on cooperatives, having taught board governance seminars, conducted research, and provided technical support. Prior to working with CCCD, Kim was executive director of Yolo Mutual Housing Association, a non-profit developer of cooperatively-governed affordable housing in Davis.

After the workshop, if you have time

Our One-Hour Workshop takes place at the Community Center in historic downtown Point Richmond. Just across Washington Avenue is Point Richmond Market, home of the Boar's Head delicatessen, which helped sponsor Saffron Strand's "Autumn Wine Tasting" fundraiser last month.

The Boar's Head offers wonderful sandwiches and other deli food, made by local, small business folks who know about homelessness and care about improving their community for everyone.

If you have an opportunity, please visit the Boar's Head. You won't be disappointed!

Join us to learn and network tomorrow!

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