

## 5. ISOJI input “RECONCILE THESE ISSUES”

Community sectors (or intersectoral): Government, Human development (health, education, ministries, art, culture), Economics, Housing and Environmental Equity (health, justice, safety, disaster preparedness, climate changes)

As starters, ISOJI would like to see these community sectors reconcile differences in order to move the community needle towards its own power and sustainability. We are suggesting that the following conditions/orgs resolve conflicting interest and barriers to growth:

1. MCGGV and CDC – CDC as a community economic driver has a valuable asset(s). It is an “unused” 501-C-3 Land Trust with a problematic history; but which can be revitalized/restructured to expedite community banking, land management, capital improvement projects (public housing), job creation. GGV’S position currently is “no thanks”
2. Marin City and MCF ... It is our feeling MCF can be more engaged in community equity-building if there was community cohesion, a plan or workplan, and empowered CSD (lead agency) or an agent to help move the community towards an integrated/holistic master plan. see John Logan’s criteria
3. To 1 and 2, ISOJI has submitted its opinions, raised the issue of banking, credit union, (CDFI’s --- financial institutions) in order to help community think more about its own financial and management capacity..... of needed and existing assets.
4. Community needs every tool/asset it can amass to keep from losing more of its lands to private developers (hence, gentrification), and we had better address the barriers and inhibitors before we get into “well its too late” territory – which usually results in a train-of-blame. With a Council or Organization we can galvanize leadership and policy that can help protect our political posture and stature as a community.

### **Extra Banking and Financing**

Need for a federally credentialed CDFI (community development financial institution) specifically designed to serve low income communities. ISOJI will continue its query regarding the placement of a credit union/satellite banking facility in the shopping center. We will also continue to try and secure CDFI (community development financial institution) services for Marin City – this is access to large federal grants from all sectors of the federal government