



Call for YLG TAP Panelists

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Dear ULI Young Leaders:

Do you have real estate or land use experience and an interest in giving back to the community? If so, we are seeking volunteers to serve as panelists on our ULI Orange County/Inland Empire Young Leaders Group (YLG) Pro Bono Technical Assistance Panel (TAP).

As co-Chairs of the 2014 ULI OC/IE YLG Pro Bono TAP Committee, we have agreed to proceed with a Pro Bono TAP for ShareKitchen, a charitable organization based in Cathedral City, CA. The TAP panel will consist of ULI members, under 35 years old* with real estate, finance, marketing and development expertise, who can provide objective, independent and pragmatic advice on complex land use issues. The panel will also focus on aspects of building healthy places in recognition of the Lewis Group of Companies, a generous underwriter of this year's YLG TAP.

ShareKitchen, a non-profit business incubator located in Cathedral City, has requested assistance in developing a comprehensive plan for a Food Innovation Center in Riverside. This facility will serve as a large-scale business incubation and economic accelerator, providing business and technological expertise to food companies in the Inland Empire. This project requires expertise in site acquisition, land planning, architectural design, development and financing. ShareKitchen is a business incubator that supports launch start-up and early stage food entrepreneurs. ShareKitchen has been operating since October 2012. Since its inception, ShareKitchen has hosted 27 clients; several of their clients have moved on and now operate successfully within the local community.

ShareKitchen needs professional assistance in multiple matters. We are recruiting volunteer panelists, who have experience in the following areas:

- * Site Selection (Market Opportunity Analysis and Brokerage)
- * Architectural Design and Land Use Planning (Design Concept and Programming)
- * Site Acquisition (Law/Strategy)
- * Financing (Capital/Debt and Development)

If you have a background in one of these areas and/or related expertise, we hope you will consider participating in the program. The TAP process involves the following commitment:

Attend a brief meeting in Cathedral City with ShareKitchen staff to learn more about the project and the site:

- * Participate in a tour of the site;
- * Independently, and as a group, conduct due diligence;
- * Participate in regular conference calls to update the group on due diligence;

- * Convene for a full-day TAP, where panelists construct recommendations;
- * Panelists will present their findings to the public at the end of the day in November; and
- * Review a written summary of the finding and recommendations for ShareKitchen.

Past YLG Pro Bono TAP panelists have enjoyed a great return on their investment – by helping organizations that help those less fortunate, by gaining visibility in the real estate community with this pro bono effort, and by adding a strong achievement to their resume. If you'd like to participate in this year's project, please send an email with a short paragraph detailing your qualifications and your resume to orangecounty@uli.org on or before Thursday, October 2, 2014.

We are very excited to hear from those who think they are up for this!

*Please help us reach professionals in the industry, by forwarding this email to your contacts who qualify for membership in the ULI Young Leader Group.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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