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After the Transformation: The People Reclaiming San Francisco

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This panel explores a new generation of struggles for resistance and community-based planning in the face of the city's neoliberal policies, from the last ten years.

Twenty-five years after the original publication of Chester Hartman's Transformation of San Francisco, the city continues to sell itself to the highest bidder, and the people and communities who make up its soul continue to fight for their existence, their culture, and their right to shape the destiny of the city. Responding to the rise of a new urban bourgeoisie, San Francisco's traditionally industrial Eastern neighborhoods have exploded with upscale condo developments. Much of this development is within or adjacent to predominantly working-class, people-of-color families and SRO residents, small industries and locally-serving businesses. In its role as facilitator of development, the State's zoning laws, regulations, rent-boards, bureaucratic blind-eyes, etc., allow the developers, real-estate agents, and apartment owners, to transform a neighborhood and city one property at a time. The planning agencies, local media, and mainstream advocacy organizations concern themselves with issues of ideal urban form and "livability," while development plows along. Out of these struggles has emerged a new generation of community organizations. Their campaigns have resulted in a transformation of the city's "public benefits" discourse, the implementation of development impact fees and stabilization funds, and planning areas highlighting local cultural assets. The panel includes:

☒ The Mission Anti-Displacement Coalition (MAC) will discuss ten years of struggle in the Mission, from the dot-com heyday of 2000, through the development of an alternative community "People's Plan," to the challenges of implementing it piecemeal against city opposition

☒ The South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN) will discuss the accomplishments and continuing challenges of creating a Community Stabilization Fund funded through highrise impact fees, the implementation of a Youth & Family Zone, and a Filipino Cultural District.

☒ Finally, taking a citywide perspective and responding to the conditions of the "Great Recession," we will discuss a new initiative, involving many of the organizations from the community struggles above, to develop a progressive economic development platform that goes to the root of the economic activity that underlies much of the land-use planning, emphasizing economic opportunities for existing San Francisco residents, in particular the communities of color in the city's Eastern districts. This grows from a critique of what the city chooses to emphasize and what it leaves out in its economic development plans, particularly its lack of analysis on both the role of the public sector and on the key importance of small "backstreets" businesses and the "creative economy" that underpin other economic sectors.

Architects in the Community: Beyond the Office

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This panel intends to discuss and showcase how architects can use the tools and processes used in their profession for populations that cannot afford to demand customized spaces. Often thought of as something for the wealthy, the power of a well designed space or object should have a transformative impact on everyone. Spanning from an international scope to national scope to a local scope, projects from a variety of organizations that focus on the intersection of design and social responsibility will be featured and discussed.

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Berkeley's Downtown Area Plan: Environment, Equity and Economy

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The City of Berkeley is considering a proposal for its downtown that could be a model for climate action planning. It adds significant density near transit and allows the city to require affordable housing and prevailing wages through an elective entitlement process. In exchange for the affordable housing and wage requirements, developers are offered a significantly reduced entitlement period. The proposal, called the "Green Pathway" addresses the need to expedite the construction of green housing near transit for climate action purposes, and at the same time ensures affordable rental housing (which can no longer be required per the Palmer decision) and quality, local jobs.

When the economy begins to strengthen and housing construction renews, it's expected that development will be more focused on urban-infill rather than the suburban model of the last housing boom. In urban areas, with higher land values and household incomes, the concern is that this new housing model and urban growth will exclude lower-income individuals and families; Higher income populations will reside in the core urban areas and lower income population on the outer edges, forced into a more resource-intensive and expensive suburban housing model.

In the coming years, communities throughout California will be embracing the infill development model. The opportunity to address potential social and economic impacts still exists. Berkeley's proposal, supported by environmentalists, affordable housing providers, labor unions, social service providers, transit and bicycle advocates, and local businesses, has addressed these issues up front in the planning process. The Green Pathway model could set the stage for an environmentally responsible and socially equitable approach to housing in California.

Bringing home the equity in the new Sustainable Communities Initiative.

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Changing the Face of the Surface Transportation Policy Debate in the U.S.

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For decades, lower income people and communities of color have been relegated to the slow lane of transportation policy, planning, and investment. With hundreds of billions of dollars at stake, the upcoming authorization of the next surface transportation bill in Congress presents a rare opportunity to fundamentally reform the nation's federal transportation policy in ways that put disadvantaged communities on the fast track to prosperity. Without new proposals and new champions, there is little hope of visionary reforms that advance transportation equity priorities. Luckily, the transportation equity community is active and engaged. At least three campaigns are underway to influence the transportation bill, with overlapping but distinct emphases on transit justice, smart growth, and equitable access to economic opportunities. In this workshop we will address the following:

- What reforms are necessary to foster communities of opportunity through our nation's federal transportation policy?
- How are those who are concerned with expanding opportunity for lower income people and communities of color are advocating for reform?
- How are organizations and community leaders building public and political will for positive change?
- What are equity groups doing to educate the media, Congress, and the Administration on transportation policies that advance social and economic equity?

The session will be coordinated by PolicyLink, a national nonprofit organization which is deeply involved in the efforts for equity in federal transportation equity, and will feature Bay Area transportation advocates who are also leaders on the federal issues.

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Children Should Be The Architects And Planners Of Our Future Cities

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If they are not meant for children, they are not meant for citizens either. If they are not meant for citizens-ourselves- they are not cities. -Herman Hertzberger
It is not especially hard today to find a study that makes compelling connections between the design of our neighborhoods and diminished outdoor play as well as skyrocketing rates of childhood health problem such as obesity or diabetes. Indeed, in light of recent research such as the Sheffield Study that documents a tremendous decline in unaccompanied childhood mobility since the 1920's (six miles to 400 yards) it is hardly surprising that childhood obesity has tripled and diabetes has doubled since 1980. It is no longer possible to solely blame junk food and television for the health woes of our children, it is clear that as planners and designers we have failed our children. Simultaneously, many of our major public school systems are struggling to even graduate 40% of their student body. Aside from many of their schools physically crumbling, on a most basic level teachers labor mightily on a daily basis to bring relevance and meaning to their students' studies. This challenge is not limited to the classroom but also civic and political life where aside from the recent Presidential election, young adult voting has been in substantial decline for many years. Much as the design of our communities has largely failed our children, so have the processes and policies through which we hope to engage them. The reasons for these and other challenges we are facing are numerous but perhaps one fundamental underlying problem is how we perceive and approach our children. Are they inert vessels that must be steadily force-filled? Are they vulnerable members of our society who should be protected at all costs, even at the risk of isolation? Should they be excluded from public life and space because of their often overflowing energy? Are they even capable of making valuable contributions to society before the age of 18?
Or can children actually be critical agents of positive change, whose meaningful engagement in the civic life and making of the places we live is not only essential to their success and well-being but also our own?
What happens if we make children the architects and planners of our 21st century cities?
This panel will be a lively discussion and debate around engaging children in investigating and positively changing the places they live. How can youth positively impact the future design of our cities? Can relevance and meaning be created in our students' lives if we make the city their classroom? What happens when we empower youth to find and solve problems in their own communities? What impact can this have on general change and planning processes in communities? How does the role of planners, designers and educators have to evolve to meet these ideas? The work presented by panelists will be diverse in the tactics, product and the population. However, all presenters will fundamentally challenge how we perceive and engage our young people making the places we live.

Community Based Economic Development: Perspectives from the Island of O'ahu

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Kamuela Enos, Mala 'Ai 'Opio (MA'O) Organic Farms ...a movement built around the reestablishment of living local food system to empower our community to move towards self-sufficiency: educating the next generations; fighting hunger, improving health and nutrition; producing our own organic foods; and living/working by the values of aloha 'aina (traditional stewardship of shared resources).
Molly Chlebnikow, University of Hawai'i, Department of Urban & Regional Planning ...Insights from Hawai'i-based community practitioners for planners working in community planning and economic development. Highlighting lessons learned from the community perspective on past projects in partnership with government agencies and private funders.
Ilima Ho-Lastimosa, God's Country Waimānalo ...From the Mountains to the Sea, Keeping the Country Country. Encouraging our children to keep up with the new, but respect, learn, and remember where they come from. Our program is rooted in cultural preservation, community partnerships, and connects the Hawaiian culture to other aspects of health and wellness. Through gardening and aquaponics systems, our connection to the food we grow and eat affects families' physical, spiritual, and economic well-being, as well as the younger generations' confidence to shape their own future.
Tai-An Miao, Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center and the Waimānalo Youth and Family Collaborative ...Developing a collaborative learning center "for the community, by the community" to support youth and families in their exploration of cultural, economic, and environmental concerns. Forging a long-term partnership to network services, training, technical assistance, and community-based enterprises in order to see youth and families flourish.

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Community Economic Development in Canada: roles, spaces, and unconventional indicators

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Many types of interventions have been used to revitalize urban neighbourhoods. Recently, many community development practitioners, and some levels of government, have adopted (and adapted) the holistic 'community economic development' (CED) approach to reversing neighbourhood decline. CED works towards community development by considering a multitude of principles including: the use of locally produced goods and services, long term employment of residents, and neighbourhood stability are three of the dozen principles used when developing interventions at the neighbourhood level. The many factors that contribute to the success of these interventions will be discussed in the workshop.

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As governments exercise fiscal oversight and restraint, there is increased pressure on the community development sector, including provincial departments and participating neighbourhood and community organizations, to (1) be innovative in their approach to the delivery and funding of projects and programs (2) be holistic in their approach to building community and (3) demonstrate the success of programming focused on neighbourhood revitalization. Funding bodies' fiscal restraint has intensified with the financial crisis as foundations' market invested endowments shrink, opening and closing different avenues of possibility for CED.

This session will focus on a handful of tools and approaches that could be valuable in developing the continuum that is CED. By illustrating spatial considerations for conventional economic development, the relationship between funders and community organizations, how to begin to move from conventional community development to CED, and how we might begin to measure the success of interventions, the session will demonstrate both practical ways to approach CED and where some municipalities have made gains.

Connecting mobility and planning in the Bay Area: politics, civil rights, and new tools

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San Francisco and the Bay Area are well known as a progressive bellwether in the United States, a bastion for political values including civil rights, tolerance, environmentalism, and world peace. One of the more intriguing, less familiar movements is the Bay Area's politics of mobility and planning. There are political movements in San Francisco that contest the system of automobility, or the organization of everyday life and society around automobiles. There is also a strong tradition of affordable housing and environmental justice advocacy in the Bay Area. Informed by its progressive tradition, the city and region have longstanding and on-going conversations about how to manage growth, how to pay for growth, and how to adequately provide affordable housing and services to a diverse population. Through the lens of progressive politics, the panelists will provide an overview of the salient planning issues facing San Francisco and the Bay Area, taking a closer look at some specific regional transit and planning projects.

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**Development with Diversity: Linking
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In 2008, the Association of Bay Area Governments launched a CalTrans funded project to look at environmental justice issues associated with transit-oriented development. This panel will present that project from the perspective of the organizations on the ground and the researchers assisting their efforts. In the strong market context of the San Francisco Bay Area, the development of new transit lines and stations can result in rapid rises in land values. Neighborhoods within ½ mile of a transit station are much more likely to gentrify than those without such amenities. However, a number of different community organizations and partnerships are using effective organizing techniques or unique policy approaches to help ensure that existing residents will be able to stay in their neighborhoods despite the changes. From San Francisco, Claudia Flores will discuss the attempt of the San Francisco Planning Department, working closely with the Mission Economic Development Association, to mitigate commercial gentrification in San Francisco's Mission District. Julia Liou will present on community outreach in Oakland's Chinatown related to the Lake Merritt station area planning process, the result of a strong partnership among several groups: the Asian Health Services, the City of Oakland, TransForm, the Asian Pacific Environmental Network and the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. Sheryl Lane will discuss Urban Habitat's efforts, working with ACORN, Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization, and other local partners, to deal with the foreclosure crisis in Richmond. Karen Chapple will present the UC-Berkeley research on gentrification and turnover that informed the overall effort and armed the community-based organizations with data and arguments. The panel will conclude with Sarah Treuhaft discussing how PolicyLink extended its work on equitable transit-oriented development to craft policy recommendations for the Association of Bay Area Government and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Special arrangements: ABAG officials will discuss this project also during their convening as well as in another panel, so the timing of this panel might best be coordinated somehow.

**Divergent Uses of Art & Culture in
Urban Revitalization**

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This session looks at the divergent uses of art in the city. On the one hand, there is an instrumental use of 'culture' in the contemporary city, such as the development of formal arts districts or festivals and the implications of such developments in terms of gentrification and the encroachment of public spaces. This is particularly the case in a context where 'creative city' policies and discourses highlight the provision of cultural amenities as means to lure elites and investment. On the other hand, art and culture are also used for more progressive goals, as a means for community building, the re-appropriation of public space and bottom-up revitalization. The session will feature presentations and encourage discussions relating to both kinds of uses.

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Fighting for Sustainable and Equitable Communities: Frontline Reports From Five Communities of Color

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As federal policy and private markets re-align to favor “sustainable communities” and “transit oriented development,” communities of color potentially have much to gain but also much to fear. Many urban core neighborhoods lie directly along transit corridors designed to “link up” suburbs and downtown business districts. New transit in often long neglected communities could improve access to jobs and enhance economic vitality. But planning for transit is generally dominated by or dependent on market-driven large scale development. And a transit line through a neighborhood does not necessarily mean transportation for that community. In the meantime, the ongoing financial crisis is destabilizing many working class communities, creating the conditions for “blight” and deterioration on the one hand and speculation and gentrification on the other.

In the face of these rapidly changing conditions, communities of color across the country are challenging inequitable transit policies and promoting practices that strengthen diverse neighborhoods. Combining grassroots advocacy, community asset development, innovative planning tools, and sometimes litigation, communities are fighting to save urban neighborhoods that already embody core elements of “green” sustainability, including higher densities, mixed uses, and transit reliant populations. This panel will explore strategies to insert community based planning within the rhetoric of ‘regionalism’ and will analyze the political, regulatory and financial barriers to advance real transportation and economic equity.

From the Neighborhood to the Region: Implementing Sustainability at Multiple Scales

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This panel will explore opportunities, barriers, and mechanisms for the implementation of sustainability measures in cities. Each of the three panelists adds a unique dimension to the discussion by contributing different perspectives on spatial scale, institutional positions, and geographic area. After presenting individual synopses of their research, the panelists will then discuss the joint implications of their work.

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Getting Real Affordable Housing Wins from "Smart Growth" Collaborations: What Does It Take?

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There's no shortage of rhetoric in the smart growth movement about the need for affordable housing in the context of urban infill and T.O.D. land use plans, and lately we've even seen some encouraging coalition-building of conventional smart growth organizations with affordable housing, community development and social equity organizations to work together on localized land use planning campaigns. With California's recent landmark climate change legislation, AB32 and SB375, smart growth advocacy is gaining ground. Walkable infill TOD could get people out of their cars and reduce greenhouse gases, but we argue that will only be possible if there is a "jobs-housing fit."

If done right, this new legislation could help create models for sustainable and equitable communities. Conversely, at a most fundamental level the argument can be made that "smart growth" and the ambitions of AB 32 and SB 375 will fail if the problem of housing affordability is not part of the formula, and if a jobs-housing fit is not achieved at local scales.

The urgency of climate change issues has created more impetus for coalition work to move a shared agenda around compact infill development, transit-oriented land use, environmental conservation, and meeting housing needs. But at the end of the day the real test of these big tent smart growth collaborations is when the rubber hits the road with tough political negotiations to actually win real substantive affordable housing outcomes.

So how do these smart growth collaborations bring value to getting affordable housing wins? Will environmental, transportation and labor partners use their muscle for affordable housing? Will they hold the line for more equitable growth in the face of pressure to be friendlier to development in the name of climate change policies and the current economic recession? That's what is being tested right now, in the Concord Naval Weapons Station base reuse campaign. The closed base is the largest area for potential development in the entire Bay Area with over 5,000 acres. Early in 2007, East Bay Housing Organizations convened a wide array of groups to discuss common hopes, visions and concerns, and a coalition was formed. EBHO continues to be a leader in this thriving, broad-based coalition advocating for affordable housing, quality jobs, open space, walkable neighborhoods, green and sustainable development, and an inclusive planning process. At this panel discussion, members of the Community Coalition for a Sustainable Concord will share their perspectives on this campaign and both its victories and its challenges.

What will it take to get real affordable housing wins from the smart growth movement? That's the million dollar question on the table.

Hey, Progressive Planners, isn't time that we start talking about recapturing unearned increment in land value?

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Many Europeans hold a long-standing belief that increases in land value result largely from society's efforts, and therefore do not belong to the landowner and that the increased value should be recaptured by the public sector. This potential is not fully appreciated or understood in the United States for several reasons. Land value recapture is rarely, if ever, addressed as an alternative approach to cover costs of development, more particularly the cost of public facilities – such as mass transit systems – or affordable housing. When compared to European countries, the US is always presented as the country where property rights are protected the most and the tradition of enterprise has always been uppermost. As a consequence, the idea of recapture of land values is not part of American planners' lexicon. This panel will argue that a progressive planning agenda must include land value capture and presents different proposals that outline various ways in which land value recapture can be accomplished.

Housing and Planning In Latin America: Progressive Policies and Challenges

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Latin America offers an array of progressive housing and planning policies and practices that U.S. planners and activists continue to learn from. These policies present dilemmas and challenges as well. In this panel we explore the successes and problems of housing policies in the context of progressive national governments in Bolivia, Cuba and El Salvador and progressive local policies in Bogota in the context of a conservative national government. We also address the interaction between housing reforms in El Salvador and housing programs among Salvadoran immigrants in Washington, D.C.

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Insurgent Public Space: Creating Just Cities through Direct Citizen Actions

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How can ordinary and often marginalized citizens transform the city? How can the contemporary public space be reclaimed and transformed through direct actions by citizens? In cities around the world, instances of self-made urban spaces, reclaimed and appropriated sites, temporary events, and informal gathering places are changing how urban public spaces are utilized, created, and defined. From shrinking cities in Europe to growing metropolises in Asia, residual urban sites and industrial lands have been occupied and converted into new uses by citizens and communities. From coast to coast in North America, urban and suburban landscapes have been adapted and transformed by new immigrant groups to support new functions and activities. From Seattle to Shanghai, citizen actions ranging from gardening to dancing have permanently and temporarily taken over existing urban sites and injecting them with new functions and meanings. Rather than isolated instances, these acts of insurgency transcend geographic boundaries and reflect the desire of the local citizens to adapt and transform their environments. No longer confined to the traditional categories of neighborhood parks, public plaza, and civic architecture, these 'insurgent public spaces' challenge both the conventional notion of public and the making of space. They constitute expressions of alternative social and spatial relationships in the changing cities. This proposed panel invites five individuals, who have been actively researching and creating these insurgent public spaces, to engage in a cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural dialogue concerning the role and possibilities of direct actions in effecting urban change. The panelists with diverse backgrounds in public art, geography, architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning will each introduce their respective work in contexts ranging from Latina/o communities in the United States to a community of marginalized sex workers in Taipei (5-10 minutes each). With an understanding of the diverse contexts and actions, the short introductions will be followed by discussions of the opportunities and challenges of direct actions by citizens in transforming the urban landscape (40-50 minutes). Different from the recent discussion on public space that dwells mainly on the diminishing public sphere, this panel will focus on new possibilities of public realm in the contemporary cities. It seeks to demonstrate and examine the power of citizens in creating a more just city through individual and collective direct actions.

Just Beginnings: Alternatives to the clean slate

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The proposed session topic for Toward a Just Metropolis will bring together three speakers working in different metropolitan areas to use Rawls' ideas of justice as fairness and some lessons learned about imagining a position to begin the work of planning and urban design that strives to avoid the pitfalls of the notion of the clean slate.

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The metropolitan areas, relevant issues, and presenters are:

1. Detroit with its well known issue of gradually vacating property, presented by Dan Pitera, Director of the Detroit Collaborative Design Center.
2. New York City with its many transitional neighborhoods, presented by Christine Gaspar, Executive Director of the Center for Urban Pedagogy.
3. Biloxi, Mississippi with its land suddenly made vacant by Hurricane Katrina, presented by David Perkes, Director of the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio.

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MUTT: Miami Urban Think Tank and the practice of Hybrid politics in Metropolitan Miami

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The purpose of this presentation is to offer a case study for alternative social grassroots practice arising from the city of Miami. MUTT – Miami Urban Think Tank, is an informal coalition of resident stakeholders - activists, professionals, academics, and non-professionals - who actively meet once a month to discuss urban planning, social grassroots activism and urban development issues pertinent to the Miami metropolitan area.

MUTT was founded as a social network of urban citizens, out of the need to form a forum where ideas about Miami's urbanism could be exchanged critically and diverse voices across different communities could find common ground. The goal of MUTT is to provide a space of hybrid politics, where the negotiation of professional values and progressive ideas shape critical discourse and action. MUTT – as its name implies – aims to promote a productive engagement between seemingly divergent positions: theory & practice, private development & public interest, social justice & individual responsibility, built form & social life and local identity & global awareness. Ultimately, MUTT is about a pragmatic engagement with the city as both a classroom for learning and location for progressive change.

In this presentation we will exhibit three dimensions that define MUTT. First, we will contextualize the history of MUTT - its birth, development, current efforts and future challenges – within Miami's history of social change and reactionary politics. Second, we will offer an analysis and visualization of the social networks which frame the engagement of MUTT in Miami. And third, we will explore the formation of “micro-coalitions” as a model for collaborative politics driven by pragmatic outcomes, expediency and double-agency. Micro-coalitions have been deployed by MUTT's – integrants of Miami Urban Think Tank - in order to shape public discourse an effect concrete actions in the city.

A key aspect of MUTT is the understanding that urban growth and physical change are sources of metropolitan contestations, inequalities and exclusions. Another important source of awareness is Miami's particular brand of multicultural politics. Yet MUTT engages these realities with a mode of negotiated resistance, where political action, knowledge production and everyday life examples are harnessed to render the possibility of urban innovation into progressive alternatives and concrete results in the city.

My Momma told me Cancer was a Growth: Ain't no "Smart" Growth without the People!

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California is gearing up for a fundamental transformation of its cities and regions to confront the growing realization of global climate crisis. Yet a narrow conception of emissions reduction goals, and an economic agenda that strives to find in each crisis new opportunities for profit, threatens to turn the lofty goals of the “smart growth” discourse into yet another vehicle for consolidating power for development in the hands of the few. Like freeway construction in its day, high-density “transit oriented development” has a similar potential for deep socioeconomic impacts on the existing communities where it is planned to be located, often communities of color.

This panel discussion will focus on three Bay Area community organizations, from the financial center to the economic periphery, which are attempting to shape this process into opportunities to advance their own alternative agendas for equity and development. We will discuss the class and race implications of smart growth policy on their communities – types of jobs, transit choices, cost of housing, impact on local cultural and economic assets – and explore the strategies these groups are pursuing to wrest Smart Growth away from the planners and use it as an engine to bring community benefits to their communities. These are all ongoing organizing and community development alternative “smart growth” planning processes that are led by people of color, and often with large participation by youth.

☒ Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC) will present their community-alternative design guidelines for the Central Subway Chinatown Station in SF, a project that CCDC has been working on for years. For regional agencies, the new station may be seen as the “community benefit” in itself, but there are other ways of looking at how this kind of major infrastructure “does right by the community.” This includes demands for a culturally sensitive relocation strategy for residents at the station site, opportunities for economic development in the surrounding Stockton Street corridor, and mitigating impacts on the existing rent-controlled housing stock in Chinatown.

☒ YUCA will discuss organizing for a community alternative “transit-oriented development” land-use plan in East Palo Alto. After the community, led by youth organizers, successfully shut down a major toxic polluter, the challenge was to turn oppositional tactics into a strategy for envisioning and transforming what to outsiders seemed just a blighted industrial wasteland into a new educational and jobs center for the community.

☒ Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN) frames the smart growth plans for the Lake Merritt/Oakland BART station area in Oakland, beyond demands for affordable housing and jobs, but around the potential impacts on the integrity of an existing neighborhood and its vital cultural resources.

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Planning for Growth or Planning for Equity?: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Community Development

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Peak oil, global climate change, increasing social exclusion, rising inequality - the list of crises from local to global continues to grow. It is becoming increasingly clear that the root of these crises is based on our failure to adequately integrate social and environmental concerns into decision-making at a variety of scales. Sustainable development offers one approach that has proven to be successful at integrating environmental and economic concerns (i.e. green jobs, eco-efficiency) and has spurred action for creating the conditions for the 'green' economy to thrive.

Likewise, government re-structuring and the erosion of the welfare-state has placed increasing demands on the social economy (i.e. household economy, voluntary economy, non-profit sector and social enterprises) to provide goods and services in our communities. The social economy has been effective at filling gaps by providing support to marginalized individuals and communities through job training enterprises and affordable housing, yet has struggled to scale up, transform and provide alternative versions of the economy and rarely incorporates environmental considerations into initiatives. Both the green economy and the social economy take the economy as the starting point for addressing the environmental interests on the one hand or community interests on the other.

Sustainable community development (SCD) has potential to provide a framework for transformative change for communities, but in order to avoid being labelled greenwashing or trickling-down of economic opportunities, planners need to focus on the potential for social and environmental linkages that challenge the status quo. This panel session will: examine planning for health equity in post-Revolution Cuba as sustainability in practice (Huish); explore the possibilities of local food to catalyze sustainable community development (Connelly); examine alternative land tenure models for SCD (Roseland); and queries whether smugness around green buildings is a barrier to reducing actual residential consumption levels (Hendrickson).

Progressive Cities and Neighborhood Planning: A Proposal for Cooperative Work

Alex Schafran, University of California, Berkeley

Xolela Mangcu, University of Johannesburg. "Grassroots Planning and the South African Archive."

G. William Domhoff, University of California, Santa Cruz. "Power and Progressive Politics in Santa Cruz."

Kenneth M. Reardon, University of Memphis. "South Memphis: Reflections on Neighborhood Planning, 1990-2010" - discussant?

Most cities and states have archives, repositories of papers, artifacts, images that comprise much of local history. But these materials tend to be collected much after their time, or not at all. And, the determination of what documents are to be saved tends to be left to chance, or subject to arbitrary criteria and a mainstream bias.

But cities need all of their histories, and sometimes sooner rather than later. The organizers of this panel advocate, and have begun to collect and publicize, archival collections focused on "Progressive Cities and Neighborhood Planning." Most have come from activist-researchers and writers. In this panel we present examples of such research and writing, and reflect on ways to preserve their records in the cities themselves, where they were generated.

SAFE CITIES

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The main objective of the panel is to unfold the social dimension of urban insecurity in order to build an understanding about its impact on sustainable, equitable and inclusive cities. Focusing on one of the elements of the right to the city approach, the panel will bring to the forefront the interface between cultural and physical/spatial dimensions helping the audience to develop knowledge about the role of citizens in reconstructing spaces of trust in the community.

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SMART Ideas Urban Design Community Charrette and Competition	Name: Julia Donoho Affiliation: AIA Redwood Empire Email: jdonoho@sbcglobal.net	RK Stewart, FAIA - Associate Principal at Perkins and Will - Community Charrette Facilitator and Competition Juror Lois Fisher, CNU, LEED AP - Principal at Fisher Town Design - Community Charrette Presenter and Panel Discussion Moderator Julia Donoho AIA, Esq., LEED AP - Steering Committee Co-Chair and Director of Regional and Urban Affairs for AIARE Tanya Narath - Steering Committee Co-Chair and Executive Director of Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy; tanya_narath@ecoleader.org Alima Silverman, AIA - Steering Committee	The American Institute of Architects, Redwood Empire Chapter, and the Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy joined together to sponsor a SMART Ideas Urban Design Charrette and Competition for Northwest Santa Rosa. The focus of the competition was to gather urban design ideas for the North Santa Rosa station of the SMART train, including future development possibilities and circulation patterns for the area that is to be served by that station. With the coming of the train, opportunities for new patterns of development emerge. The purpose of the Charrette in November was to gather community input into the process to help planners and architects gain a better understanding of key issues. The purpose of the competition was to bring various ideas forward about how to create urban transformation that will be beneficial for many years to come, stimulating the economic vitality and livability of the area. The Charrette and Competition were announced at the Leadership Institute's annual SMART Growth Symposium in October, 2009. In November, the Community Charrette was held to kick-off the effort, including community roundtables and a bike tour of the area. Competition entries were received February 8, and reviewed by a jury panel including Ellen Dunham-Jones – author of Retrofitting Suburbia, David Baker, FAIA, RK Stewart, FAIA, and Lee Sobel from the EPA in Washington DC. On the evening of February 12, 2010, there was a panel discussion with the jurors about "Retrofitting Suburbia." Competition winners were announced in a Community presentation on February 13, 2010.
Social Responsibility by Design – Integration of Ethical Principles and Sustainable Practices in the Lorry I. Lokey Graduate School of Business Building	Name: Rosa Sheng (lead author and moderator) Affiliation: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson Email: rsheng@bcj.com	Nancy Thornborrow, Dean, Lorry I. Lokey GSB Karen Fiene, AIA, Campus Architect – Mills College Greg Mottola, Principal, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson	What possibilities and/or responsibilities will move us toward a more just metropolis? How do we collaborate to achieve change towards social justice, equity, better living conditions, and the right to the metropolis? What innovative ideas can crises prompt in the quest for a just and inclusive metropolis? And how do we get there? This dual-perspective case study and panel discussion will examine how an academic mission for social justice, equitable and sustainable environment inspired the integrated physical manifestation in the context of the Lorry I. Lokey Graduate School of Business building project completed in the fall of 2009. The discussion will highlight the project's alignment with the goals of the School's Center for Socially Responsible Business, the project team's collaborative approach to problem solving, innovative sustainable solutions, and measurable outcomes in user experience/energy reductions/cost savings. Presentation Format: 1. Case Study Presentation (30 minutes) The Academic Context Nancy Thornborrow -Dean of the Lorry I. Lokey Graduate School for Business, Mills College The Physical Context Karen Fiene – Campus Architect, Mills College Integration of Principles Greg Mottola, AIA / Rosa Sheng, AIA, LEED AP in Practice Bohlin Cywinski Jackson 2. Panel Discussion/Q&A (15-30 minutes)
Strategies for Equitable Development and Sustainable Communities: the Evolving Roles of Health Indicators and Assessments in Community Planning	Name: Jme McLean Affiliation: Program Associate, PolicyLink Email: Jme@policylink.org	Angelica Cabande, Organizational Director, South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN) Erin Christensen, Associate, Mithun Jonathan Heller, Director, Human Impact Partners (HIP)	Cities, regions and states across the country are increasingly considering health in their approaches to building sustainable communities of opportunity. This session will review approaches that have and are being applied in communities nationwide, including the incorporation of health language into city general and master plans, health measurement tools and indicators, and health impact assessments (HIA). Planning practitioners, technical experts and community advocates will describe benefits and challenges related to integrating health into local planning processes to achieve more equitable and sustainable communities.

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The extraordinary financial crisis now impacting local government

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This panel will examine the following:

- A few case studies, such as Los Angeles, where the Mayor and City Council, mostly neo-liberal Democrats, are imposing major cutbacks, layoffs, privatization of assets, regressive taxes and fees, and "streamlining" of permitting and inspection responsibilities. Some say this is the "shock doctrine" developed by Naomi Klein applied to local government, and this argument appears to be correct.

- The impact of national policy and priorities on local government, such the long-term elimination of most housing and related urban programs, and the prioritization of the Federal government's budget to favor bank bailouts and the military-war-spy-homeland security complex.

-- The impact of statewide neo-liberal programs, such as California's Prop. 13, to further reduce local government funding.

- The impact of local deferred infrastructure investments, program and service cutbacks, and employee layoffs on the health, safety, and quality of life of urban residents.

- Efforts of local urban communities to take advantage of the implosion of local government to become more assertive and fill the vacuum with their own grass roots initiatives.

At this point, I do not have a list of panelists, but hopefully that can be soon resolved. If other proposals are related to this topic, I would like to merge panels.

Transit Justice Case Study: The Oakland Airport Connector Campaign, and its Implications for Civil Rights in Transportation Investments

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This winter, Urban Habitat, Public Advocates and allies filed a civil rights complaint which caused the FTA to pull \$70 million in ARRA stimulus funds from the \$500-billion BART Oakland Airport Connector, setting a new precedent for civil rights enforcement in infrastructural investments. This finding from the FTA came after months of community outrage and organizing concerning the inequitable impacts of the project and BART's refusal to conduct a substantive public input process.

This presentation will situate this victory within an analysis of transit racism and injustice. Transportation investments are more than just decisions about infrastructure - they are often proxies for equitable development and a way to advance social justice goals. We will focus on these broader impacts of transportation investment, and examine the tension between funding existing public transit that meets the essential transportation needs of low income communities of color and the trend toward costly expansion projects that serve wealthier suburban populations. We will explore the political dynamics that result in a bias towards transit capital funding over transit operations.

Although civil rights regulations for federally funded transportation projects were strengthened in 2007, the previous administration showed little interest in enforcing environmental justice or civil rights rules. The FTA's recent finding suggests invigorated federal enforcement, and suggests the possibility of similar cases across the U.S. In the Bay Area, both BART and the regional MPO have come under scrutiny for their civil rights procedures, attention that could result in increased accountability to low income communities and communities of color. This presentation will explore the implications of the FTA's recent decision in these federal and regional contexts.

Writing the Virtual City: A Mashup

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The Web is fast becoming a space where the production and dissemination of knowledge about cities is acquiring new dimensions. This development can be attributed to the accessibility of online tools and social networking platforms that allow users to produce and exchange content. By writing the virtual city a wide range of urban topics are brought closer to online users.

Katia Savchuk (POLIS)

Nancy Levinson (Places)

This panel brings together authors who deploy the Web to write about cities, design, architecture and urban studies. Its goal is to explore the use of the Web as a tool for practice, research and advocacy. It follows certain interrogations: What are the possibilities and limitations of writing the virtual city? Can the Blogosphere be used as a space for urban research, analysis, pedagogy and/or a new kinds of politics? Is the Web a public space where alternative formations of urban knowledge can take place, or is it a stage where urban experience becomes yet another form of entertainment, consumption and punditry? In the online tradition of the "Mashup", this panel will bring different figures to mix the theoretical with the practical, the global with the local and interpret what it means to write the virtual city.