

2015 Annual Report



CALIFORNIA PLANNING ROUNDTABLE ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the membership, welcome to the California Planning Roundtable's Annual Report. Looking back, this has been one of the most productive and energizing years for the CPR in a very long time. In many respects, our momentum slowed for a period of time, but with renewed commitments and a passion among our members for fulfilling our role as a leader of innovative thought addressing critical issues facing planners in California, much has been accomplished. We have continued our work with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research providing thoughtful and critical comment on the draft Revised General Plan Guidelines and advice regarding strategies for messaging local implementation of SB743's new traffic evaluation metrics. At the request of the Air Resources Board, we provided comment on the draft *Strategies to Reduce Near-Roadway Pollution Exposure*. We have published a precedent-setting report, *The Social Determinants of Health for Planners*, containing important policy and planning recommendations linking planning and health professionals in addressing the health crises impacting our communities. We have published the first three and will continue a series of papers addressing strategies to implement infill development in the face of infrastructure costs, public opposition, and other seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Our annual APA California Chapter Conference sessions addressing planning leadership and essential professional skills were well-attended and will be conducted again at this fall's conference in Pasadena. Several new initiatives have begun addressing the implications of changing demographics for planners and updates of CPR's *Housing Myths and Facts* report in partnership with the State Department of Housing and Community Development. It has been a busy year and we are looking forward to another year of exciting, productive, and important work that will challenge the thinking and enhance the practice of planning in California.

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Membership Update

New Members

CPR is pleased to feature its four newest members who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise in key areas of design, transportation, county planning and more.



Liz Falletta

Liz Falletta teaches architectural and urban design at USC’s Price School of Public Policy. She has over fifteen years of experience teaching design across disciplines at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Her courses focus on design as an interdisciplinary activity and explore how the intersecting values of architecture, planning and development can inform the design process and improve design outcomes. She is currently at work on By-Right | By-Design, an interdisciplinary housing reference text. The project studies significant Los Angeles housing design precedents and their related development types. A side-by-side comparison of these projects – real estate development models built in large numbers as of right, versus singular examples of innovative architecture built by variance – reveals new insights for future housing production in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

Ms. Falletta received a BA in Architecture from Washington University in St. Louis, a Master of Architecture from the Southern California Institute of Architecture and a Master’s of Real Estate Development from the University of Southern California. She is a licensed architect and a licensed real estate broker in the state of California.

Ms.Falletta fills the South-Academic vacancy.



Alice Chen

Alice Chen who is a Principal Planner with Kittelson & Associates, Inc.—a company that has provided transportation planning services to public and private clients in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout California for over 20 years. Her recent work includes addressing the Complete Streets requirements of AB 1358, implementing Caltrans’ Smart Mobility Framework to change how transportation planning is done throughout the state, and engaging in the efforts to reform CEQA guidelines for transportation analysis. Alice also serves on the Board of Directors for TransForm, a leading transportation advocacy organization promoting walkable communities with excellent transportation choices. Alice holds a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Civil Engineering from Brown University and a Master of Science in Transportation Engineering from UC Berkeley.

Ms.Chen fills the North-Private vacancy.

Fred Dock

Fred



Dock, Director of the Department of Transportation for the City of Pasadena, has enjoyed a distinguished career in both the public and private sectors. For most of that career he has focused his work on understanding the relationships between land use and transportation. That work has taken a number of forms including reorienting street design to support walkable communities by integrating urban form and street function and developing tools to implement forms of mobility that help achieve sustainable communities. First working in California after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1977 with a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering, he established a pattern that would be evident throughout his career. While employed as a Senior Transportation Manager with Environmental Science Associates in San Francisco, he was also an active participant in SPUR, the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, an advocacy group that promotes good planning. You may remember that San Jose SPUR was one of the groups who participated in the Roundtable panel when we visited that City. When employed as a Principal Associate for the Parsons Transportation Group in Chicago, he also served on the Board of Directors for Friends of Downtown, an organization dedicated to preserving the urban form of Chicago's downtown area. After relocating to Minneapolis to take on planning and design of mixed-use and transit-oriented centers, he also accepted an appointment to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Council. In 2000, Fred founded the Minneapolis office of Iteris, Inc. And for the next seven years he served on the Board of Directors for Transit for Livable Communities, an advocacy organization dedicated to reforming transportation policy in Minnesota. In 2007, Fred accepted his current position with Pasadena. Among his many accomplishments are the Mobility Metrics. Fred directed the development of a new set of CEQA metrics for measuring multi-modal transportation impacts that replaces the automobile Level of Service. They were adopted by the Pasadena City Council and were selected for an award by both the APA Los Angeles Section and the APA California Chapter. Many, many cities are expected to follow Pasadena's lead. Of course, winning APA awards was not new to Fred. He was honored by the Minnesota Chapter for the Northwest Corridor Planning and Design Framework – County Road 81 Corridor. Fred is widely published in professional journals and books.

Mr. Dock fills the South-Public vacancy.

Tim Snellings



Tim Snellings is the Director of Development Services with Butte County, CA. Mr. Snellings oversees the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement functions within his department. He has been with Butte County in this position for 8 years. During that time, he has facilitated a comprehensive General Plan Update and the completion of a completely new Zoning Ordinance. This process included over a hundred public meetings. Tim has also worked as Community Development Director in Yuba County and Nevada County. Tim is the recent Past President for the California County Planning Directors Association (CCPDA) where he coordinated the development of Best Practices for Land Use Planning (a Model Ordinance, Guidance Document, etc.) for ground mounted Solar PV Projects. Tim's degree is in Environmental Studies with a minor in Chemistry. He has worked in County government for 29 years (land use for 25 years).

Mr. Snellings fill the North-Public vacancy.

Emeritus Member Update

CPR wishes to thank the following members for their contributions to the planning profession and to CPR organization as they have now transitioned to CPR Emeritus membership:

T Keith Gurnee
Linda Dalton, PhD., FAICP
Michael Moore

Member Highlights and News

After 10 years of policy and implementation efforts – CPR Members **Mark Rhoades, AICP**, and **Matt Taecker, AICP**, successfully completed entitlement for Berkeley’s first high rise in more than 50 years (two prior high rise buildings were constructed in 1923 and 1970). This effort is on the heels of their eight plus years of direct engagement around the City of Berkeley’s Downtown Area Plan, which has won an award from Cal Chapter APA. That process included two ballot initiatives but the Plan’s focus on sustainability and housing continues to be overwhelmingly supported by the Berkeley community.

The DAP also won the National APA Achievement Award for Best Practices. The high rise will bring over 300 units of housing within one block of BART and a dozen bus lines.

Jeff Carpenter has completed his second term as an area representative and the board secretary for the City’s Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council and continuing on with the Los Angeles Mayor’s Working Group on Parking Reform.

Linda Dalton, FAICP was awarded in 2014 the Margarita McCoy Award for the Advancement of Women in Planning (from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning) and in 2015 the Lifetime Impact Citation from Planning Accreditation Board.

In March 2015, **Linda F. Tatum, AICP**, was named Planning Bureau Manager for the City of Long Beach. In September Long Beach was selected by the Rose Center for Public Leadership and Linda serves as a 2015 Fellow in this program that partners the Urban Land Institute and the National League of Cities to provide city leaders with the insights, peer-to-peer learning, and analysis needed to successfully build and sustain their cities.



On January 4, 2016 Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to announced the nomination of CPR member and Pasadena Planning Director **Vince Bertoni, AICP** as the new head of the Los Angeles Department of City Planning (LADCP) Program.

“As we work together to shape the future of the Los Angeles cityscape, we need an expert at the helm who brings both fresh ideas and an intricate understanding of our city’s complex planning process,” said Mayor Garcetti in a press release about his nominee for the post: Vince Bertoni.

Bill Anderson, FAICP concluded his successful APA Presidency. One of his major accomplishments includes strengthening collaboration between the American Planning Association and the American Public Health Association, which is now flourishing through the Plan4Health Initiative. During his tenure, Mr. Anderson appointed CPR member **Miguel A. Vazquez, AICP** to APA’s Diversity Task Force.

Hanson Hom, AICP, was promoted to Assistant City Manager for the City of Sunnyvale after serving for over eight years as the City’s Director of Community Development. In his new role, a major responsibility involves implementing the Downtown Specific Plan and coordinating residential and mixed use projects that are under construction or in planning review. In particular, he is overseeing the completion of the Town Center project, a six-block redevelopment project in the downtown core that was stalled for five years due to a litigated foreclosure process.

CPR 2015 ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

Sacramento

January 22 and 23, 2015

The first meeting of 2015 allowed CPR members to provide feedback to the lead staff members from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research working on the General Plan Guidelines.

The second day of the program, offered an opportunity to CPR members to tour the Warehouse Artists Lofts which is described as "a mixed-use, mixed-income community for artists located in downtown Sacramento's Historic R Street District. The community includes 116 rental apartments, ranging from studios to three-bedroom units, and ground floor commercial/retail space" according to its website. **Ali Youseffi**, Vice President, CFY Development and Project Manager for the WALs **Michael F. Malinowski**, AIA led the tour.

The program also included Capitol Area Development Authority's (CADA) Executive Director **Wendy Saunders** who discussed the R Street Corridor Investment and Development project where the lofts are located.



Los Angeles
May 7-8, 2015

CPR members began this meeting with a bus tour of Los Angeles Downtown, aka DTLA, which provided a ground level look at the recent construction of major new development projects. This construction is the result of public and private investment. DTLA's neighborhoods also have gone through transformation in a more organic manner as a result of targeted changes in City codes . The interplay of this new development with both existing and planned public transportation initiatives were highlighted along the tour. The tour included: South Park Mixed Use Projects--Fig Central/Staples Center/LA Live – Metropolis – Korean Air Building – Broad Museum – Grand Park – Historic Core – Arts District. The tour was graciously lead by **Nick Maricich**, Los Angeles City Department of Planning and **Yuval Bar-Semer**, Principal of Linear City Development LLC

The meeting also included the participation of the Director of Transportation for the City of Los Angeles, **Seleta Reynolds**, who provided an overview of some of the City's broad goals for transportation in Los Angeles and highlighted two projects focused on expanding mobility choices and shaping land use in DTLA: the Union Station Master Plan and the My Figueroa Project.



San Diego
August 6 - 7, 2015

During this meeting, CPR members had an opportunity to Tour San Diego's New Mid-City Rapid. The Mid-City Rapid is a high, limited-stop transit service between San Diego State University and Downtown San Diego along El Cajon and Park Boulevards. The ten-mile project provides North Park, City Heights, and College area residents, students, and workers with a fast and reliable way to get around in one of this region's key transportation corridors. **Dave Schumacher**, SANDAG Principal Planner, Transit Planning, **Stephen Russell**, Architect and City Heights Community Development Corporation President and **Brad Richter**, Assistant Vice President at Civic San Diego led the tour.

The program included a reception with the San Diego Section of the American Planning Association in which immediate-past President of the American Planning Association (APA) **Bill Anderson, FAICP** provided a perspective from his experience over the last two years at the helm of APA.

Jay Wentz, owner of the Lafayette Hotel where the meeting took place, discussed with the group interesting facts about the historic property. Built in grand colonial style in 1946 by former car dealer and developer Larry Imig, this historic San Diego hotel opened along California Highway 80 to celebrity clientele.

A panel discussion was integrated to provide CPR members with an update on the San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan and Environmental Impact Report. The Regional Plan proposes a strategy for a more sustainable future, which includes investing in a transportation network that will provide residents more travel choices, protects the environment, creates healthy communities, and stimulates economic growth. Speakers included **Rob Rundle**, SANDAG Principal Planner, Environmental Planning, **Julie Wiley**, SANDAG General Counsel, **Scott Anders**, University of San Diego Energy Policy Initiative Center. The panel was moderated by CPR member and SANDAG Principal Planner **Coleen Clementson**.



Palm Springs
November 13-15, 2015

CPR's annual retreat began with a walking tour of downtown Palm Springs which included stops at the Museum Market Place, the Village Green and Agua Caliente Cultural Museum and Historic Tennis Club Architecture and Rejuvenation. Tour guides included developers, **John Wessman** and **Michael Braun** along with city councilman **Chris Mills**. The Agua Caliente museum tour was guided by **Michael Hammond** and the Historical Society tour was led by **Kathy Leonard**.

A panel entitled "Health Happens in Riverside County through Planning, Design and Community Engagement" included **Sarah Jepson**, Manager for Active Transportation and Special Programs, Southern California Association of Governments, **Matt Burris, AICP, LEED AP**, Associate Principal, Raimi + Associates and **Chelina Odbert**, Co-founder and Executive Director, Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI). The discussion was centered around the healthy communities movement at the regional and local level in Riverside County.

The retreat also served as an opportunity to recalibrate CPR's operations and activities through a strategic planning session facilitated by **Donald E. St. Clair, Ed. D.**, Partner, McIntyre-St.Clair, LLC.



Rooted in Authenticity Highlights



During the 2015 APA California Conference in Oakland, CPR members had a prominent presence in various capacities as presenters, session organizers, volunteers, mentors, connectors and more.

CPR members were recognized during the event for individual or collective performances:

James Rojas was awarded the 2015 American Planning Association California Chapter Planning Advocate Award of excellence for his extensive work on community engagement and Latino Urbanism.

Miguel A. Vazquez, AICP received the 2015 American Planning Association California Chapter Community Outreach Award of

Excellence on behalf of the County of Riverside Department of Public Health and the California Endowment for their work on the Land Use Planning Awareness Project (LUPA).

Hanson Hom, AICP, who was one of the conference's co-chairs, received the Planner Emeritus Network Honor Award. The award was presented by CPR members and PEN President **Stan Hoffman, FAICP**.



APACA Conference: CPR Participation in Conference's Sessions

Management Institute 2015 (CPR Session)

Moderator

Mike Moore, AICP, Planner, MIG Inc. and Adjunct Faculty, Sonoma State University, Former Community Development Director, Petaluma and Mill Valley

Speakers

Steve A. Preston, FAICP, City Manager, San Gabriel, Former Community Development Director, San Gabriel and La Verne, Chapter Historian, Southern California, APA California; **Janet Ruggiero, FAICP**, Director, De La Salle Institute, Former Community Development Director, City of Citrus Heights; **Laura Stetson, AICP**, Principal, MIG Inc. and Pasadena Planning Consultant, Former Public Sector Planner, **Linda F. Tatum, AICP**, Planning Bureau Manager, Long Beach Development Services Planning Bureau

Show Me the Money: Salary Negotiations for Planners (CPF Session)

Moderator

Hilary Nixon, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, San Jose State University

Speakers

Linda F. Tatum, AICP, Planning Bureau Manager, Long Beach Development Services Planning Bureau; Darcy Kremin, AICP, Bay Area Environmental Practice Leader, Michael Baker International; Jo Ann Promponsatorn Farrant, Operations & Organizational Culture Director, TransForm

Transit Oriented Development Implementation Strategy: A Case Study of the SANDAG Regional Challenge (PEN Session)

Moderator

Stanley Hoffman, FAICP, President, Stanley R. Hoffman Associates, Inc., PEN President

Speakers

Coleen Clementson, Principal Regional Planner, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG); **William Anderson, FAICP**, Principal/Vice-President, AECOM, San Diego; Dena Belzer, President, Strategic Economics

How to Get Things Done (Strategic Thinking in the Planning Profession) (Workshop)

Moderator

Marc Roberts, City Manager, City of Livermore

Speakers

Hanson Hom, AICP, ASLA, Community Development Director, City of Sunnyvale; Dan McIntyre, BCE, Engineering Services Manager, Dublin San Ramon Services District; Brooke Peterson, AICP, Senior Associate, PlaceWorks, Past President, APA California; **Carol Barrett, FAICP**, Assistant Director, City of Burbank, Community Development Department, President, California Planning Foundation

Next Generation Specific Plan for Vallejo: Top 5 Tips for Getting One for Your Community

Moderator

Tony Perez, Director of Form-Based Coding, Opticos Design

Speakers

Andrea Ouse, AICP, Community & Economic Development Director, City of Vallejo, Northern Section Director, APA California; **Alex Hinds**, Co-Founder, Center for Sustainable Communities, Sonoma State University; Lisa Wise, AICP, Principal, Lisa Wise Consulting

Latino Urbanism: La Salud y el Entorno Físico (Health and the Physical Environment) (Salon)

Moderator

James Rojas, Founder, Place It

Speaker

Miguel Angel Vazquez, AICP, Riverside County Department of Public Health; Rudy Espinoza, Executive Director of Leadership, Urban Renewal Network; Rodolfo L. Rodriguez Ávila, Healthy Communities Specialist, Office of Lancaster Mayor R. Rex Parris

Climate Action Planning: Silver Bullets, Buckshot or Blanks?

Moderator

Alex Hinds, Managing Consultant, Sonoma State Center for Sustainable Communities

Speaker

Michael McCormick, AICP, Senior Planner and Advisor, OPR/White House Council of Environmental Quality; Ann Hancock, Executive Director, Center for Climate Protection; Dawn Weisz, Executive Director, Clean Energy; Jennifer Barrett, Deputy Director, Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department; James Caruso, Senior Planner, San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department

You Want to Put What Where? Siting Housing in Difficult Circumstances

Moderator

Laura Stetson, AICP, Principal, MIG, Inc., Pasadena, Planning Consultant and Former Public Sector Planner

Speakers

Piu Ghosh, Senior Planner, City of Cupertino; Veronica Tam, AICP, Principal, Veronica Tam and Associates; Dan Amsden, Project Manager, MIG, Inc.

Hear Me! Gen Z'ers with Millennial's Voices (Salon)

Moderator

Miguel Angel Vazquez, AICP, Healthy Communities Planner, County of Riverside Department of Public Health

Speakers

Zelia Gonzalez, Founder, Sacramento Youth Transit Board;
Maiti King, Co-Founder, Sacramento Young Feminist Alliance

Advancing Equity in Innovation Economies

Moderator

Speaker: **Victor Rubin, PhD**, Vice President of Research, PolicyLink

Speakers

Michelle Thong, Business Development Officer, City of San Jose; Derecka Mehrens, Executive Director, Working Partnerships USA; Brandon Nicholson, Executive Director, Hidden Genius Project

Live, Work, Play, Learn!: The Social Determinants of Health Model for Healthy Community Development (CPR Session)

Moderator

Miguel Angel Vazquez, AICP, Healthy Communities Planner, County of Riverside Department of Public Health

Speakers

Elizabeth Baca, MD, MPA, Senior Health Advisor, California Governor's Office of Planning and Research; **Coleen Clementson**, Principal Regional Planner, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG); Michael Osur, Deputy Director, County of Riverside Department of Public Health; **Thomas Jacobson, FAICP, JD**, Professor of Environmental Studies & Planning, Director, Center for Sustainable Communities, Sonoma State University

How Can Leadership Skills Help Planners Minimize Hostile Public Opposition and Increase Civility? (CPR Session)

Moderator

Elaine Costello, FAICP, Planning Consultant

Speakers

Mark Rhoades, AICP, Principal, Rhoades Planning Group; **Steven A. Preston, FAICP**, City Manager, San Gabriel, Former Community Development Director, San Gabriel and La Verne, Chapter Historian, Southern California, APA California ;Lynette Gibson McElhaney, Oakland City Council President, City of Oakland and Neighborhood Housing Services; Erik Yesayan, City Planner and Planning Commissioner, City of Glendale

Current Planning Issues in California High-Speed Rail

Moderator

David Early, AICP, LEED AP, Principal, PlaceWorks

Speakers

Bruce Brubaker, LEED AP, Associate Principal, PlaceWorks; Michael Brilliot, Planning Division Manager, City of San Jose; Bonique Emerson, AICP, Planning Manager, Fresno's Development Services Division; Rodney Jeung, Principal, AECOM

Purposeful APA Travel: Learning and Exchanging from International Planning Tours
Moderator

Hing Wong, AICP, Senior Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), President, APA California

Speakers

Elaine Costello, FAICP, Planning Consultant; **Hanson Hom, AICP, ASLA**, Director of Community Development, City of Sunnyvale; **Alex Hinds**, Managing Consultant, Sonoma State Center for Sustainable Communities; Juan Borrelli, AICP, Development Services Small Business Ally, City of San Jose

WORKSHOP #15: Innovations in Downtown Planning

Moderators

Matthew Taecker, AIA, AICP, Principal, Taecker Planning and Design; Aaron Welch, LEED AP, Senior Associate, Raimi + Associates

Speakers

Tom Bates, Mayor, City of Berkeley; John Caner, CEO, Downtown Berkeley Association; Michael Caplan, Economic Development Director, City of Berkeley; Patrick Kennedy, JD, President, Panoramic Interests; Lawrence Rinder, Director, Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive; Jennifer McDougall, Principal Planner, Capital Projects, UC Berkeley; Carol Johnson, Planning Manager, City of Berkeley

After Property Rights, Takings, and Exactions: A Legal and Practical Update for Planners

Moderator

Vivian Kahn, FAICP, Associate Principal, Dyett & Bhatia

Speaker

Thomas Jacobson, FAICP, JD, Professor of Environmental Studies & Planning, Director, Center for Sustainable Communities, Sonoma State University

Innovations in Social Equity Analysis at a Regional Level: A Comparative Look Across the State

Moderator

Victor Rubin, PhD, Vice President of Research, PolicyLink

Speakers

Jane Clough, PhD, Senior Regional Planner/Tribal Liaison, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG); Frank Wen, PhD, Manager of Research and Analysis, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); Joe Concannon, Data Services Manager, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG); Doug Johnson, Principal Planner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

How Silicon Valley Tech Companies and Millennials are Changing Workplace Districts and Transportation Patterns

Moderator

Gerri Caruso, AICP, Principal Planner, City of Sunnyvale

Speakers

Hanson Hom, AICP, ASLA, Community Development Director, City of Sunnyvale; Scott Jacobs, CEO, Landbank LLC; Eric Calloway, Principal, Freedman Tung + Sasaki; Aarti Shrivastava, Assistant City Manager, City of Cupertino

CPR Work Group Updates

Essential Professional Skills for Practicing Planners

CPR is committed to enhancing essential planning skills for practicing planners to promote effective planning. To accomplish this goal, CPR will offer interactive sessions and workshops at the APA California conference and other possible venues on core skills that may not be taught in typical planning curriculums, but are usually "lessons learned" through direct work experience. Possible workshop topics include strategic thinking, communication skills, project management, and effective community engagement and education. In 2015 the workgroup began this work with a workshop at the APA Conference in Oakland entitled "***How to Get Things Done (Strategic Thinking in the Planning Profession)***"

In addition to continuing to offer sessions at the annual APA California conference, CPR is seeking to partner with APA California Sections to offer convenient professional skills workshops throughout the state. These workshops would be geared towards mid-level planners seeking to develop their leadership and management skills.

Planning for Changing Demographics

California is known for its rich diversity, for welcoming waves of immigrants over the generations and for being open to communities with a wide range of racial, ethnic, and cultural characteristics and lifestyles. Yet, individual communities struggle when they are experiencing significant internal demographic change.

CPR continues to develop conference sessions and other educational tools to help communities understand what specific demographic changes are occurring and to effectively plan for those changes.

Healthy Communities

The California Planning Roundtable Healthy Communities Workgroup has embarked on the mission to foster a solid understanding among the planning community of why the places we plan for have an inherent effect on community and individual health. This journey began with the development of a guiding healthy communities definition to assist anyone interested in improving community health through community design. The next major destination will be marked by the development of a strong relationship between planners and our professional public health counterparts at the American Public Health Association. To do this, the CPR HCWG has begun the development of various tools for planners to understand the "Social Determinants of Health" model. This concept, which succinctly explains the intersection of public health and planning, can be a critical piece for planners that can strengthen their ability to accurately answer hard questions related to equity. The publication "***Live, Work, Play, Learn: The Social Determinants of Health for Planners***" was published in 2015 and it is now available for download at:

<http://www.cprroundtable.org/publications/social-determinants-health-planners/>

Overcoming Obstacles to Infill Development

Among planning professionals, infill development is recognized as leveraging community benefits, when located and designed appropriately. Indeed, planners are increasingly called to address urban challenges with strategies that rely on infill development. Yet infill development encounters difficult obstacles across a number of arenas: political, financial, and legal.

This project identifies and analyzes principal challenges to infill development, and recommend promising policies, practices and tools. It avoids duplicating larger efforts by involving members and invited professionals to critique and help develop content, and by emphasizing brevity to distill ideas and encourage critical thinking.

In "Examining Obstacles to Infill Development," **Matt Taecker** and **Stan Hoffman** describe the purpose of the project and an outline for future articles. In "Community Opposition to Infill," **Vivian Kahn** describes how infill development needs to be connected to clear measurable community benefits to gain both political and community acceptance of infill development. The most recent article, "Encouraging Infill Through Appropriate Impact Fee Design" is by **Marc Roberts** and illustrates how impact fees by municipal governments can make or break infill development. More articles and infill resource page are forthcoming.

The first set of articles are now available for download at:

<http://www.cproundtable.org/infill/>

Planning for Economic Development

For the Economic Development project, two tracks have been identified over the past year:

- 1) The preparation of draft legislation and, hopefully, eventual passage by the State Legislature, of a **NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES AND SERVICE DISTRICT ACT** proposal;
- 2) The monitoring of ongoing post-RDA financing legislation, both adopted and proposed, related to public capital infrastructure and public services. Additionally, this year we would prepare a paper documenting a framework for thinking about these issues, why they are important to planners and those engaged in the planning process, and identify where positive changes might be made

While not to exclude discussion of the long-term horizon, the group consensus was to focus primarily on the short-term, over the next year or two, in order to show some tangible outcomes that could "add value" to the profession and the practice of planning in California.

Reinventing the General Plan

The focus of the Roundtable's General Plan work this year has been completing in depth reviews of several drafts of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) General Plan Guidelines Update. Many Roundtable members participated, giving OPR the benefit of recommendations from CPR members with tremendous experience and expertise in general plans. This work allowed CPR to make use of the lessons learned from the Reinventing the General Plan Project. These reviews also implemented one of the Roundtable's important goals- which is to influence the development of planning policy for California.

Others have made use of the Roundtable comments. The California Chapter of APA used the Roundtable's comments in their testimony for a spring 2016 California Senate Governance and Finance Committee hearing on OPR's 2016 Draft General Plan Guidelines.

OPR has appreciated the expertise of the Roundtable and asked us to review other draft state policy documents before they go out for public review. OPR's revised draft Guidelines are not yet published.



The California Planning Roundtable

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