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## The Urban Center: Making space for planning

*by Lisa M. Feldstein*

One of the hallmarks of good planning processes—and, by extension, healthy democratic systems—is broad, constructive, and informed public participation. If this is a distinguished objective, however, it is also one of the planner's most elusive. Aside from the basic and constant difficulties of a busy public, the challenges of educating citizens about planning issues, and the complexity of balancing technical planning with the tangible community as experienced by residents, there is the difficulty of enticing the public into participating in what many perceive as a process which lacks objectivity, occurs in a biased manner, and is frequently set in non-neutral space.

As many know, San Francisco has been plagued with an especially rancorous planning culture. Neighborhood groups and preservationists view new planning initiatives with distrust, convinced that the City is seeking to obliterate the character of “old” San Francisco. Developers and their consultants lobby to revise planning processes so they are more predictable and less costly, while progressive activists advocate policies that will benefit the poor, complaining that San Francisco's current policies only serve the highest bidder. The city's planning department tries to promote a healthy and participatory planning culture within the constraints of fiscalized planning parameters, but finds it lacks the confidence of the very participants it seeks to engage.

For decades, the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) has been the vanguard of those seeking to accomplish the goals of improving planning and governance in the city. (For a brief history of SPUR since its founding in 1959, [click here](#).) SPUR sought to provide an inclusive environment in which those who wanted to pursue an interest in planning and good government in San Francisco could do so in a meaningful, informed, and non-ideological way, in a space and culture in which the soundness of ideas would trump political affiliations. Unfortunately, SPUR's offices were tucked away on the fifth floor of the World Affairs Council building without any street presence. For those who

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could locate the office, a multitude of programs on current issues facing San Francisco were available; but few could find the space, and still fewer found it welcoming. SPUR was very much an insiders' club.

These spatial impediments evaporated in May 2009 when SPUR unveiled its new Urban Center. This bold new facility, designed by local architect Peter Pfau, is located at 654 Mission Street, near Yerba Buena Center in the museum cluster that includes the California Historical Society, the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), the Cartoon Arts Museum, the Museum of Craft and Folk Art, the Contemporary Jewish Museum by Daniel Libeskind, and more. The Urban Center offers easy access: it is a block from BART, two from the TransBay terminal, and is well served by MUNI and paid parking. More importantly, the new building offers an opportunity for SPUR to fulfill its potential as a locus for civic engagement.



Photo by Iwan Baan

That may seem like a brazen expectation for a small new building. However, from its earliest conception, the Urban Center was envisioned as a space where well-versed planners and politicians could debate policy in a conference room while neighborhood activists were researching an issue's history in the library and visitors—along with classes on field trips—could browse through curated exhibits. Jim Chappell, immediate past president of SPUR and Director of its new Citizen Planning Institute, evoked this vision beautifully at the Center's grand opening:

*I see a SPUR with many more thousands of individuals and families participating in the life of the region from a point of knowledge. I see Asian...African American...Latino...Caucasian...and gay and lesbian families sitting together and designing their common future. I see groups of 4th graders learning civics working with computer-based interactive*

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

By Darcy Kremin, AICP

As stated so well in a June email from California Chapter President **Kurt Christiansen, AICP**, "The foundation of any professional association is its members. Without a diverse and engaged membership, an association can no longer be relevant." Kurt's email, sent to each of you, announces the Chapter's *Membership Financial Support Program*, which provides relief for those struggling with maintaining their APA membership and/or AICP status. The APA leadership believes that, in this difficult economic climate, membership in APA California can be your strongest link to future opportunities. We believe it is in your personal interest, as well as the organization's, to have you maintain your APA membership and/or AICP status.

Accordingly, several **reduced-rate membership fee options are available to recently-unemployed members**. To be eligible for reduced fees, APA only requires that membership be current. Please see page 22 of the [June issue](#) of *Northern News* for a summary of financial benefits, or visit <http://www.calapa.org/en/art/254/> for detailed information on the program.

**The annual state conference**, to be held in Squaw Valley, September 13-16, is an important venue for networking opportunities. Registration is still open (go to <http://www.webregpro.com/events/mxcept/ccapa2009/>), and we hope to see you there! The conference will provide you with numerous opportunities to meet with planning professionals from around the state. To ease your travel stress and budget, buses will be available to take you from Sacramento to Lake Tahoe and return (\$40 RT), to make it easier, cheaper, and greener to attend. And **financial assistance is available** from the *Membership Financial Support Program* to subsidize your conference attendance. Please see page 22 of the [June issue](#) of *Northern News* for a summary of financial benefits, or download the detailed chart at <http://www.calapa.org/attachments/wysiwyg/38/APACaliforniaMembershipReliefProgramChart2.pdf>.

Still another way APA is helping is by lending CDs to **AICP members who want to fulfill their CM requirements** (including the law and ethics requirements) with minimal cost and no travel. The CM *lending library* is already so popular, the Chapter has approved additional funds to purchase more CDs to reduce members' waiting time. [See page 9](#) of this issue for the list of CDs currently available for rent at no cost (\$5 S&H). Go to

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At our July 1st meeting, **the APA California Northern board appointed three new members**. We are pleased to welcome **Colette Meunier, AICP**, as our new Ethics Review Director, **Surachita Bose, AICP**, as our new Peninsula RAC Chair, and **Katja Irvin** as our new South Bay RAC Chair. You can read more about them on [page 16](#). We look forward to their contributions to the section. We have a large Board, and vacancies come up fairly frequently. Please contact me, [dkremin@entrix.com](mailto:dkremin@entrix.com) or (925) 988-1278, if you are interested in joining the board.

I should also mention that we held our July Board meeting in SPUR's new Urban Center, and we were pleased that Jim Chappell, SPUR's Citizen Planning Institute Director, was able to join us. Please see the [front page article](#) about SPUR, and the sidebar about their current exhibition and programs ([page 6](#)).

Hope you are having a great summer!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Daray Kremin'.

## Planning history conference and awards

The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) will hold its Thirteenth National Conference on Planning History in Oakland, October 15–18, 2009. Information on the conference is available at <http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/sacrph/index.html>.

In conjunction with the conference, SACRPH—an interdisciplinary society of scholars and planning practitioners—will present its 2009 biennial awards. The award prizes range from \$100 to \$1000. For more information on how to submit your work or a nomination for an award, go to <http://www.barnard.edu/urban/sacrph09>.

Nominations for awards must be received by **July 15, 2009**, though in some cases supporting materials can be received after that date. ■



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exhibitions. I see high school students involved in project-based learning dealing with the future of their neighborhoods...

I see a region where the public has moved beyond mere nostalgia for the past and embraces the 21st century. Transit First is accepted as the birthright of every resident. The environmental advantages of our high-density pedestrian-oriented city are widely applauded. Urbanism is recognized as the convenient solution to climate change. I see the SPUR Urban Center as a destination for visitors from around the globe...

It is my goal that each visitor to the Urban Center leave changed. As we interpret how this extraordinary city operates, we will show what is possible in order to help transform the state and country from a society with the greatest environmental footprint to one of environmental sustainability; from a society of exclusion to one of inclusion; to a more equitable society; to a society that values the informed participation of every individual.

I look forward to this Urban Center being filled with life—with meetings, with debates, with classes, with people young and old learning their power.

With the opening of the Urban Center, this new focus is apparent. The ground floor of the Urban Center is exhibit space, inaugurated with “Agents of Change: Civic Idealism and the Making of San Francisco” and an accompanying lecture series. At the first lecture, on June 2nd, more than a hundred attendees came to hear about the City Builders. More important than numbers, though, were the people in attendance: these were not the ‘usual suspects’ but an audience that included many who did not regularly attend SPUR programs. In its first days, SPUR was realizing its vision of expanding its educational reach.

Nobody at SPUR, however, would equate attendance at a lecture with civic engagement. SPUR President Gabriel Metcalf understands only too well that there are many in San Francisco who don’t trust SPUR: “Progressives think we’re in the pocket of downtown business, and downtown thinks we’re a bunch of communists out to destroy the city,” he quips. For SPUR to become the center of an enhanced San Francisco culture of civic engagement, it must accomplish two seemingly contradictory goals: it must penetrate through this distrust, becoming more universal in its appeal, while simultaneously ensuring that it does not dilute its commitment to its vision for excellence in San Francisco. Neighborhood groups that have seen SPUR as an enemy working to destroy their way of life must not feel that by crossing SPUR’s threshold they have endorsed SPUR’s belief in high-density housing. Rather, SPUR must welcome these neighborhood groups, offering opportunities

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for them to sharpen and inform their position, while SPUR continues to advocate for its own vision for San Francisco's future.

A tall order? Perhaps. The new Urban Center, however, offers the opportunity for its realization. For with this building—this very public, open, transparent, street-level space—SPUR can for the first time offer a functional place that feels like part of the city rather than a private club. SPUR has, in effect, endowed the city with a neutral space that meets this basic prerequisite for civic engagement while—as an organizational participant in the dialogue of the city's future—SPUR can continue with full voice to advocate its own beliefs. And when the excitement about the Urban Center is combined with SPUR's commitment to supporting a vision of inclusive and democratic civic engagement that includes all San Franciscans, success seems tangible. San Francisco's civic well-being requires the democratic engagement of its citizenry; the Urban Center offers exciting new opportunities for enrichment.

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## Major urban planning exhibition in San Francisco

SPUR celebrates 150 years of Bay Area citizen planning with the opening exhibition at the Urban Center. Through plans, maps, photographs, and video interviews, "Agents of Change: Citymaking in San Francisco," explores how six generations of civic leaders put their mark on the region. Through November 15. Open 11 am to 8 pm Tuesdays; 11 am to 5 pm Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Exhibit is free to the public.

For more information, go to [www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org). Click the brown button "Agents of Change" for a program of presentations and discussions exploring the legacy of each generation covered in the exhibition. With the exception of walking tours, all programs will take place at the **SPUR Urban Center**, 654 Mission Street (between Third Street and New Montgomery). Program events are free for SPUR members and \$5 for the general public. ■





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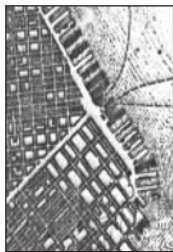
## Community development tips from Leo Vazquez

Leonardo Vazquez, AICP/PP, was recently a trainer in a program to help college and graduate students become more effective housing and community development professionals. Here are a few tips he shared with them, plus a few more (reprinted with permission):

- Get a sense of the community by using a site or free program that uses aerial photography, such as Google Maps or Bing Maps (Formerly Microsoft Live Maps).
- Do land use, building condition, and related surveys early in the morning.
- For safety and efficiency, surveys should be done by at least two people together. Never do a windshield survey by yourself.
- If you are working in a dangerous area (such as one with drug or gang issues), wear clothes that make you stand out. You will be seen as less of a threat if you're trying to be visible. Dressing like a municipal employee, or wearing an identity card around your neck also can help you look more conspicuous.
- When passing auto-oriented uses, check the ground for oil and other toxic chemical spills. If the floor is dirty, there's a good chance the ground is too (in other words, a likely brownfield).
- When doing density surveys: Doorbells, mailboxes, and meters are your best field measures to determine how a building is subdivided. Note: In locations with illegal apartments, a landlord may feed one meter into multiple units. Also look for what seem like overly-large parking areas, compared to similar structures in the area.
- Every so often, give your eyes a rest and listen and smell. What parts of the neighborhood are noisiest? What parts smell the cleanest?
- If you are watching how people interact with the built environment, look like you have a reason to be standing around and watching. Buy a coffee or drink when you're sitting or standing outside. Look like you're waiting for someone.
- If you are asked what you are doing, avoid the word "redevelopment" (unless it is part of the formal name of your project). When people hear "redevelopment," they tend to think "eminent domain," and it can get a bit ugly after that.
- Trust your feelings. If you feel uncomfortable, get out of the area as quickly as possible.

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## Survey finds how much state parks visitors spend

*Sacramento State News Services, June 8, 2009*

Preliminary findings from a recent Sacramento State survey found that visitors to California's state parks spend an average of \$4.32 billion per year in park-related expenditures, based on attendance estimates by state Parks and Recreation of about 74.9 million visitors a year.

The survey, commissioned and funded by the California Parks and Recreation Department and conducted by the University's Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration, found that park visitors spend an average of \$57.63 per visit, including \$24.63 inside state parks and nearby communities, and \$33 in communities more than 25 miles from the park being visited.

Faculty and students from Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration at Sacramento State surveyed 9,700 visitors at 27 state parks representing the diversity of the parks system's 280 parks. The survey was taken from fall 2007 to February 2009.

Of the visitors surveyed, 11.95 percent were non-residents of California, and their average spending per person was \$184.91. Based on the calculated \$4.32 billion in park-related visitor expenditures per year, \$1.66 billion is generated by non-residents of California.

For more information on the survey, contact Professor David Roloff, Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration, at (218) 634-3304.

In analyzing the politics of the study announcement, Malcolm Maclachlan, writing in the *Capitol Weekly*, June 9, 2009, noted that "Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed cutting all \$150 million in annual general fund money to the parks system (220 of the state's 279 parks would be closed for at least two years). That could be a bad move," since the \$4.3 billion spent annually by visitors generates \$300 million in state sales tax revenue.

For more on the subject, see "[Sac State study claims state parks pay for themselves](#)," by Malcolm Maclachlan, *Capitol Weekly*, June 6, 2009. ■



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## California Chapter CD Lending Program

*By Kurt Christiansen, AICP, President, APA California*

APA California has purchased APA CD-ROM training products for use by California Chapter members, either for individual or group study. The primary purpose of this lending program is to offer a low-cost option for AICP members to qualify for Certification Maintenance (CM) Program credits, but these CDs can be borrowed by any Chapter member. A fee of \$5.00 will be charged for postage. CDs will be loaned on a first-come first-served basis. Products will be added and removed from this list annually. AICP members may not claim CM credit for an education product that is not listed for credit on that year's CM credit list.

[Click here](#) to download a reservation form. For more information about borrowing CDs, please contact Laura Murphy at [sgassoc@msn.com](mailto:sgassoc@msn.com) or (916) 736-2434.

The following CDs are available for lending through the program (click on the title below to get the CD description via [planning.org](http://planning.org)):

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- [Complete Streets](#) **CM | 1.5**
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- [Improving the Development Review Process](#) **CM | 1.25**
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We hope this new service will be helpful to you. You'll also find free APA events offering CM credit at <http://planning.org/cm/free/> ■

## Self-reporting update, CM

As most Certified Planners know by now, AICP members may self-report up to eight CM credits per two-year reporting period for attending, speaking, or instructing at an activity that is not registered for CM credit by the provider but which meets CM criteria and is approved by APA staff. To receive the credit, a member must submit materials demonstrating that the activity complies with CM criteria. Until now, members have been encouraged to keep a manual record of these activities, as it has not been possible to log the credits on the AICP/CM website.

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## Self-reporting update, CM *(continued from previous page)*

Thanks to **Joe Hall, AICP**, Santa Cruz, for this update which came via a June 25th email from Luke Hughes, an APA CM customer service and marketing associate:

The CM self-reporting feature “is in the final stages of testing” and will be available soon. APA will notify members “in *interact* as well as on the web once this feature becomes available. In order to self-report there will be a new button next to the ‘add credits’ button on your CM log that will state ‘self-report credits.’ Upon hitting this button you will be directed to a very short form asking for very basic information about the event you wish to self-report. Filling out the form should take no more than five minutes.” *This feature should be available in July or August.* ■

## Diversity report

**Mentors needed!** Our local Ambassador’s program, inspired by national APA efforts, aims to increase Northern Section diversity and intergenerational mentorship while raising the profile of the planning profession among Bay Area high school students. Mentors—seasoned planning professionals (five or more years of experience) and young professionals (less than five years of experience)—are needed. The mentors will talk to high school students about the planning profession, academic and career opportunities, and the joys and challenges on the job. Contact Miroo Desai at [mdesai@ci.emeryville.ca.us](mailto:mdesai@ci.emeryville.ca.us) to participate in the Ambassador program or for additional information. We are also seeking contacts with Bay Area high school counselors who may be interested in participating in the Ambassador program. ■

## CA high-speed train report available

An 84-page draft Scoping Report for the San José to San Francisco section of the High-Speed Train system (dated June 2009) has been posted on the California High Speed Rail Authority website. The report summarizes nearly 1,000 pieces of correspondence from agencies, organizations, and individuals. To download a copy, [click here](#). ■



## JOBS

### URBAN HABITAT

#### **Land Use Program Associate, Bay Area**

Salary Range: \$55,000 – \$75,000

Urban Habitat is creating a new staff position to help advance equitable land-use policies and decisions at the local, regional, and state level. Candidate will serve as UH's primary staff on the Great Communities Collaborative (GCC) and work with diverse partners to influence community planning processes in priority transit oriented development sites across the Bay Area. Candidate will also analyze the connections between land use, transportation, and climate change policies, and will support the organization's commitment to ensuring that implementation of AB 32 and SB 375 results in concrete benefits to the region's low-income communities and communities of color.

Requires a Master's degree in Environmental Sciences/Policy, Urban Planning, Public Policy, Community Development, or related field; at least three years experience conducting policy and research in land-use planning, climate change, transportation, or other related field; and experience developing and/or analyzing land use elements of General Plans, Specific Plans, Local Climate Action Plans, Environmental Impact Reports, Regional Transportation Plans, and other planning documents.

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Detailed job announcement at [www.urbanhabitat.org](http://www.urbanhabitat.org). Email cover letter and resume, AS ATTACHMENTS, to [landuse@urbanhabitat.org](mailto:landuse@urbanhabitat.org).

## Where in the world?



1. Photo by Aliza Knox



2. Photo by Chandler Lee, AICP

Answers on [page 13](#)



# Onward and upward

**Crescentia Brown, AICP**, has been promoted by ESA to director of community development for the San Francisco Bay Area region. Crescentia will oversee ESA's community development practice in the firm's Bay Area offices, including San Francisco, Oakland, and Petaluma. Prior to joining Environmental Science Associates in 2004, Crescentia was a supervising planner with the City of Oakland planning department where her work ranged from major development projects to single-family residential design review. She has a BA in Landscape Architecture and a Certificate of Regional Planning, both from Kansas State University, and an MUP from the University of Kansas.



**Lisa Feldstein**, a Ph.D. student at the Department of City & Regional Planning, UC Berkeley, was named a Friesen Fellow for 2008–2009 for her role as a leader in undergraduate education. The Friesen Fellowship is endowed by Carmel P. and Howard R. Friesen as part of the Carmel P. Friesen Chair in Urban Studies.



**Jennifer Johnson** has been promoted to the position of director of ESA's San Francisco Bay Area Energy Group. Jennifer will direct ESA's energy practice from the firm's Bay Area offices, including San Francisco, Oakland, and Petaluma. Prior to joining Environmental Science Associates, Jennifer was a project manager for Hansen Environmental, Inc., Walnut Creek. Jennifer holds a BS in Environmental Policy from Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, and a JD in Environmental Law from the Vermont Law School in South Royalton.



San José State University's **Kristy Le** is one of 58 graduating planning students nationwide recognized by APA for outstanding attainment in the study of planning during the academic year 2008–2009. Each accredited planning program convenes a jury to make selections and to schedule the award presentation at the school. Kristy focused her studies in SJSU's Masters in Urban and Regional Planning Program on environmental planning and community development. She has been an environmental consultant with David J. Powers and Associates, San José, since 2003.



**Michael Moore** is the new director of planning and building for the City of Mill Valley, a community of 14,000 in southern Marin County. Mike has a Masters in City Planning from San Diego State University and has been a local government planner for 28 years, most recently as the Community Development Director for the City of Petaluma, and prior to that, as the Director of Planning, Building and Public Works for the City of Sonoma in the 1990s. Mike is the chair of the Bay Area Planning Directors Association and a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Planning Committee. He has been a member of the California Roundtable and its financial officer since 1997.



**Laura Dodson Spidell**, a graduate of UC Santa Cruz and formerly with the cities of Santa Cruz (senior planner, 2000–2005) and San José (Planner II, 1997–2000), received her Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Portland State University in June. After moving to Oregon and having son Zachary (who just turned two), Laura decided to focus on motherhood and graduate school for awhile. She hopes to return to the public sector in Portland, once public agencies start hiring again.



**F. Kenya Wheeler, AICP**, formerly Senior Planner with the Bay Area Rapid Transit District has joined Organizing for America, an arm of the Democratic National Committee. As the California Deputy Field Director, he will be working to support the growth of volunteer leaders to engage grassroots support for President Obama's initiatives. In his new position, Kenya will be splitting his time between Northern and Southern California, but he promises to continue to be active in the Bay Area. Kenya has been Northern Section's Regional Advisory Council (RAC) chair for San Francisco since November 2005. He earned his BA in Environmental Studies from UC Santa Cruz and followed that with a year of graduate studies in city and regional planning at UC Berkeley. Prior to BART, Kenya worked for Parsons Brinkerhoff/PB Placemaking in San Francisco. ■



# Planners seeking employment

**One in four college graduates is unemployed.** Please email or call those below if you can employ one of them or if you know someone who might be able to.

**Land Planning & Entitlements; Advance Planning/General Plans; Community Planning/Specific Plans; CEQA; LAFCo.**

24 years experience. Recent employers: Arnaiz Development Co. Inc., 5 years; City of Stockton, 5 years; County of Sacramento, 14 years. Salary history upon request. MA and BA Geography, California State University, Fresno.

Contact [ttruszkowski@comcast.net](mailto:ttruszkowski@comcast.net) or (209) 612-0605. (5-04)

**Urban Design, Current & Advanced Planning.**

9 years experience. Previous employers: Centre City Development Corporation (San Diego, 4 years); RRM Design Group (3 years). Most recent salary upon request. AICP. Flexible availability and terms for part- to full-time work. MA City and Regional Planning, Cal Poly SLO. BA Political Science, San Diego State University. Contact [sdrolet@comcast.net](mailto:sdrolet@comcast.net) or (619) 436-7953.

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/suzannedrolet> (5-04)

**Land Planning/Landscape Architecture; GIS; Community Development Program Coordination/Public Engagement.**

8 years experience. Previous employers: Sasaki Associates, MA (summer); City of Ann Arbor, MI (1 year); PECL, Portland, OR (1 year); various community development organizations (5 years). Most recent salary on request. Graduate School of Design, Harvard (1 year); MS, Natural Resource Planning, U of Michigan; BA, History, Washington University, St. Louis.

Contact [shearacohen@gmail.com](mailto:shearacohen@gmail.com) or (734) 255-8634. (5-15)

**General, Municipal, GIS.**

3 years experience. Previous employers: City of Miami Beach, FL, (Planning intern, full time, 1 year); City of Philadelphia, Economic Development (2 years). Most recent salary, \$42,000/yr. BS Psychology, U of Pittsburgh; MURP, Florida Atlantic Univ.

Contact [davis\\_kf@hotmail.com](mailto:davis_kf@hotmail.com) or (484) 477-3727 (3-13)

**Generalist.** 1.3 years experience. Previous employment: Intern, City of Fremont planning division. English teacher, Taiwan (1 year); high school teacher with Grant Joint Unified School District, Sacramento County (2 years); US Army Reserve, 351st Civil Affairs Command (7 years). Most recent salary, \$15/hr. BS Mathematics, UC Davis; MUP, San Jose State University. Contact [relbdour@yahoo.com](mailto:relbdour@yahoo.com) or (408) 509-6303. (2-26)

**Environmental Review/Hazard Mitigation Planning/Land Use Planning & Entitlements/GIS.**

5+ years experience plus 5 years in the biotech industry. Previous employers: LSA Associates, 3 years; State of North Carolina, 2 years; City of Orinda, 2 years. Most recent salary upon request. AICP. Masters in Regional Planning, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. BS Biology, Georgetown University.

Contact [hiketheebhills@gmail.com](mailto:hiketheebhills@gmail.com) or (510) 847-9936. (5-15)

APA California Northern has undertaken this pilot program to let potential employers know of urban, regional, and environmental planners who are unemployed and available. Job-seekers who are members of Northern Section APA can post a brief ad (35-50 words maximum) including one email link and/or one phone number. To be published in the July/August issue, ads must be received no later than 5 PM, Monday, June 15. Send to: Editor, *Northern News*, [knoxnaph@gmail.com](mailto:knoxnaph@gmail.com).

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## Answers to "Where in the world?" ([Page 11](#))

1. Gdansk, Poland. Long Street from the Main Town Hall.  
*Photo by Aliza Knox*
2. Salzburg Cathedral and Salzach River from the Hohensalzburg Fortress. *Photo by Chandler Lee, AICP*

# Profiles of APA California Northern – 2009 award winners

by Mika Miyasato, AICP and Caroline Teng

On May 15th, APA California Northern presented its 2009 honor and merit awards to 12 recipients. The complete list of award winners appeared on the front page of the [June issue](#) of *Northern News* and is also accessible on the Northern Section webpage ([click here](#)). Beginning with this issue, *Northern News* profiles four of the award winners each month.



**Amy Fauria** received two awards: the *Planning Achievement Academic Award* and the *2009 California Planning Foundation Graduating Student Merit Award*. Amy showcased her strong analytical skills and her passion for the City of Oakland's redevelopment efforts in her Master's project, "Do Central Business District Redevelopment Investments Have a Positive Influence on Surrounding Neighborhoods?" Amy chose the topic because she was "curious about whether the general population of the city was benefitting from the city's choices on where to focus investment." She has strong interests in housing and public finance policies and targeted development strategies.

The project examined the spillover effects of redevelopment activities in Oakland's central business district (CBD). Amy conducted a series of regression analyses, complemented by spatial analysis with geographic information systems (GIS). By reviewing historical development patterns, property values, and development types in the CBD and surrounding area, the study found relative indication that redevelopment activities were slowly having a broader positive impact.

The San José State University Urban and Regional Planning Department chose Amy's project report as one of the three honors reports for the 2007–2008 academic year. Amy received a master of urban planning degree in 2008 and currently works at PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.



Section Director Darcy Kremin, AICP;  
Taryn Hanano; Juror Mark Caughey, AICP

**Taryn Hanano** won the *2009 Distinguished Leadership Award for a Student Planner*. After working in the private sector, Taryn applied for a graduate program at San José State University so that she could "give back to the communities and promote public participation." Taryn maintained an excellent academic record at SJSU and received a master of urban planning degree in 2009.

As President of SJSU's Urban Planning Coalition (an APA-designated Planning Organization), she led efforts to organize numerous professional development events and opportunities for urban planning graduate students and the wider planning community. Taryn's vision for UPC was to "promote SJSU and generate the next group of excellent top-notch planners." Taryn also received the 2008 SJSU Alumni Association Dean's Scholarship for the School of Social Sciences, the 2008 SJSU Urban and Regional Planning Don and Ann Rothblatt Award for her dedication to academic excellence and community service efforts, and the SJSU Urban and Regional Planning Department Service Award.

Her strong analytical and communication skills are reflected in her Master's Planning Project, "How Can We Create Safe Routes to School?", where her short-term and long-term recommendations helped provide short-term traffic relief at San Francisco's Dianne Feinstein Elementary School. While attending SJSU, Taryn worked at the City of Fremont as a long-range Planner I on the city's General Plan and Updated Housing Element 2007–2014. She also served on the Northern Section Board as a Student Representative.



*La Pulga*

The winner of this year's *Media Award* was the [documentary film](#), "*La Pulga*," which investigates the social, historic, economic, and cultural conflicts that arise when the economic well-being of a blue-collar immigrant community comes head-to-head with regional transit necessities and environmentally-responsible local land use planning. The award was presented to Director Rene Picazo and Producers Alina Kwak and Henry Servin, Jr., "for outstanding coverage of a planning topic through media other than journalism."

In the film, the contended land is the site of the San José Flea Market, a California historic landmark and the livelihood for numerous working class

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*"La Pulga" Producers Alina Kwak and Henry Servin, Jr.*

immigrants in San José, but which is slated to be developed as a BART corridor urban village. Through interviews with the owner of the flea market, activists, vendors, and city officials, the filmmakers tell the story of conflicting interests in the planning process without vilifying any specific party. Rather, "La Pulga" depicts the reality of a complex, imperfect process where no solution is completely ideal and certain parties inevitably must compromise.

The jurors found the film notable because it highlighted the experiences of people who traditionally do not have a strong voice in city matters. The film also explores the larger challenge of maintaining blue-collar jobs in high-cost areas such as Silicon Valley—an issue facing many cities in the Bay Area as they plan for the future.

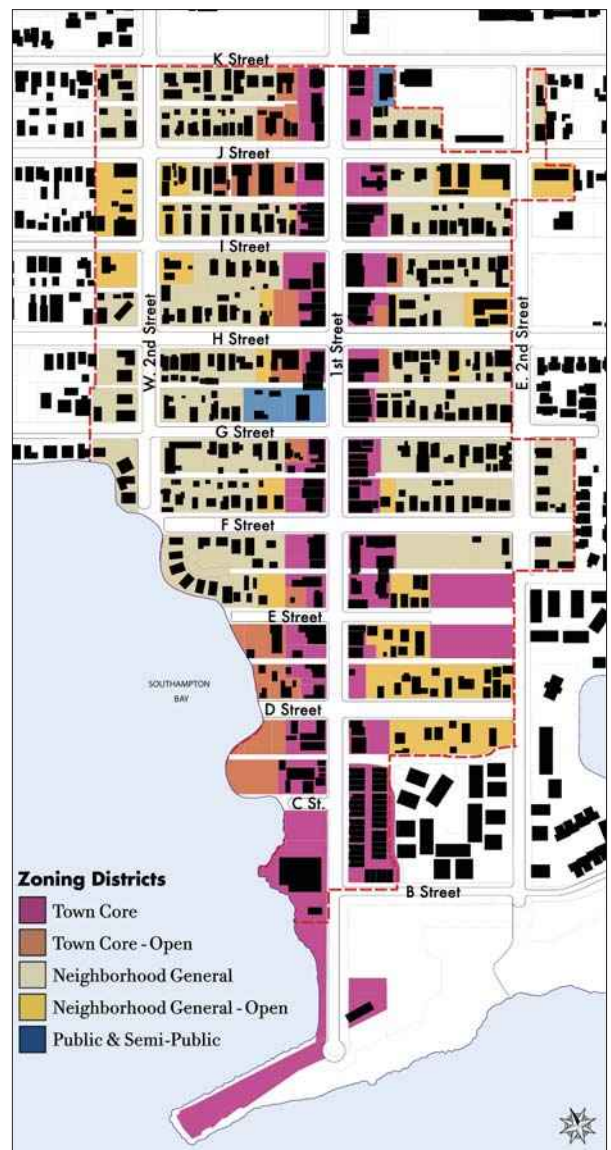
The **Downtown Benicia Mixed Use Master Plan and Form-Based Code** won the *Neighborhood Planning Award*, for a "plan, program, design, or related effort that demonstrates innovative planning principles, and measures that create sustainable neighborhoods that have lasting value." The award recipients were Charlie Knox, City of Benicia; Daniel Parolek, Opticos Design, Inc.; Lisa Wise, Lisa Wise Consulting; and Dena Belzer, Strategic Economics.

The plan illustrates how a form-based code, through an intensive public charrette process, can be an effective tool in implementing a city's general plan and providing consistent zoning, while continuing to preserve the historic character of a locale. Through the form-based code, the plan was able to clarify the notion of "mixed use," which the community had been attempting to refine and apply to the historic downtown since the term was included in the city's General Plan in 1999.

The jurors found that the plan incorporated excellent analyses, images, and graphics, making it clear and easy to follow. They were also impressed by the plan's success in achieving widespread community support, mainly through a five-day community design charrette. Most importantly, the plan serves as a model for other small downtowns and adjacent historic neighborhoods that may be considering form-based code. ■



*Benicia Mayor Elizabeth Patterson;  
Benicia CDD Director Charlie Knox, AICP;  
Dan Parolek, Opticos Design*



*The Regulating Plan for downtown Benicia*

## New Board members

**Colette Meunier, AICP**, has been appointed Ethics Director for APA California's Northern Section. She has an MCRP from UC Berkeley and a BA from the University of Alberta, Edmonton.



Colette began her long professional career as a planning officer with the City of Edmonton, Canada (1975). More recently, she has been planning and building director, City of Alameda (1992–2002), community development director, Benicia (2002–2005), and since then, an independent consultant and with LSA Associates, Berkeley. Colette has been a member of APA since the early 1980s and a member of AICP since the early 1990s. During that time, she has established “a sound and grounded understanding of ethics as a professional navigating the sometimes murky planning process.”

**Surachita Bose, AICP**, was appointed Chair, Peninsula Regional Advisory Council (RAC). As RAC Chair, Surachita will liaise with Peninsula members and the Board, organizing meetings, social functions, and professional development programs for Peninsula planners. After graduating in architecture at Bangalore University, Surachita moved to the US where she received her masters in urban planning from the University of Cincinnati. She is currently an associate planner with the City of Sunnyvale.

**Katja Irvin** (MUP, Urban Planning, SJSU 2007) has joined the Northern Section Board as South Bay RAC Chair. She is Planner II at the County of Santa Clara and previously worked for PMC. Katja was program committee co-chair for the 2007 California Chapter conference in San José and was President of the San José State University Urban Planning Coalition, 2005–2006. We welcome her enthusiasm for organizing social and professional events in the South Bay. ■



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## Reserve, register now for APA state conference at Tahoe

“Long Views Greater Vision” is the theme of the 2009 APA California Conference, September 13–16 at the Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe. The conference offers 75 concurrent sessions, 8 mobile workshops, dynamic keynotes, networking events, and an opportunity for AICP members to log a considerable number of CM credits.

Hotel reservations can be made at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/CCAPA>. Single/double rates are \$165 per night. Space is limited; make your reservations early.

An on-line Conference-at-a-Glance and registration are posted at [www.calapa.org](http://www.calapa.org). Registration is \$475–\$500/member which includes all meals and events. Mobile workshops are available for an additional fee.

Specially chartered buses can be taken from Sacramento to Lake Tahoe for a round-trip fee of \$40 per person, departing Sunday and returning Wednesday.

Exhibit and sponsorship opportunities are also available through the website.



# What others are saying

## ENVIRONMENT

**Software helps businesses reduce GHG.** “Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, one of Silicon Valley’s top venture capital firms, is incubating Hara, a start-up selling software to help businesses measure and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Hara’s Web-based software tracks the resources used by the company, like electricity and water, and emissions like carbon and other waste. The software then forecasts future emissions and helps a company choose ways to reduce them, like new lights or a different type of refrigerator. It tracks its progress and creates an audit trail. Most companies that track their greenhouse gas emissions do so with spreadsheets; but that gets complicated quickly, and would not hold up in an audit when carbon becomes a commodity.” —Claire Cain Miller, [“Expecting new tax, firm prepares to track carbon,”](#) *The New York Times*, June 1, 2009.

**Grow Smart Bay Area.** “Building more livable and sustainable communities is an immediate priority [to house and employ] nearly two million more people in the Bay Area by 2035.” On June 10th, Greenbelt Alliance presented the “Grow Smart Bay Area” plan to elected officials and others. “The plan emphasizes infill development in transit-rich areas, and identifies seven ‘smart spots’ that the Greenbelt Alliance says could accommodate 4/5 of the region’s 25-year growth—ambitious goals that will be hard to achieve without bold action from elected officials and the cooperation of business, housing, development, and transportation groups.” —Michael Rhodes, [“Call for regional coordination of land use and transportation,”](#) SFStreetsBlog.com, June 11, 2009. To download Greenbelt Alliance’s 12-page brochure, “Grow Smart Bay Area,” [click here](#). Related article, [“Report: Bay Area has ample room to grow,”](#) by Lisa Vorderbrueggen, *Contra Costa Times*, June 10, 2009.

### “Shall We Comply With SB 375 or Drive Less Instead?”

This whole SB 375 thing can either be a bureaucratic nightmare or a useful way to move forward. We can devote an enormous amount of time and attention to figuring out how to comply with the law ... or we can figure out how to drive less. How do you focus on the second instead of the first? [Bill Fulton] put some thought into that while preparing a recent speech to a gathering in Ontario sponsored by the Leonard Transportation Center at Cal State San Bernardino.” (*California Planning & Development Report*, June 11, 2009.) For a PDF of Fulton’s 24-slide PowerPoint presentation, [click here](#).

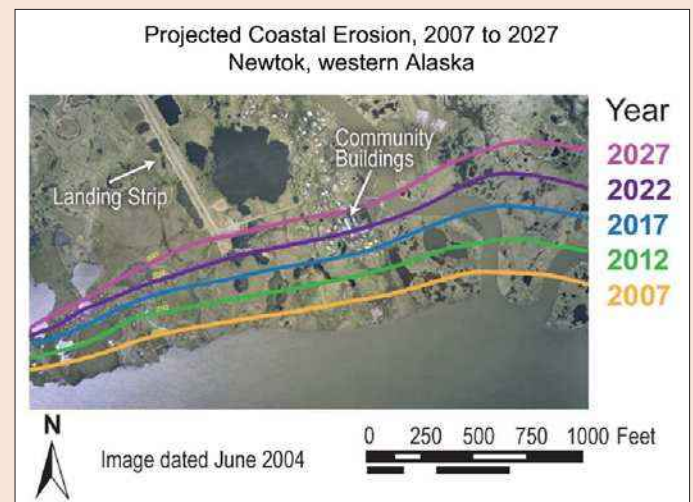
**From birds to pigs to people.** “A new study of the evolution of the H1N1 strain of influenza virus that moved from pigs to people this spring and has since spread worldwide reveals the need for taking a ‘one health’ approach to humans and the animals around us, experts suggest.

The ‘one world, one health’ initiative is an effort to boost and coordinate surveillance for potentially dangerous viruses and other pathogens that can mix and jump among livestock, birds, agricultural workers and the broader human community.” —Andrew C. Revkin, [“Flu finding supports ‘one world, one health’ view of people and animals,”](#) *Dot Earth*, June 11, 2009.

Planners may want to reread the December 2005 article in *Northern News* by Jim Safranek, REHS, Environmental Health Services, Santa Cruz County, [“Will planners be ready when Avian flu hits?”](#) Jim suggested that we “consider a renewed collaboration between the previously walled worlds of planning and public health—practitioners from both specialties will be needed to solve evolving and challenging problems.”

### Will rising average temperatures increase heat-related illness and death?

“According to a government study released June 16th, even with significant steps to slow emissions of heat-trapping gases, the impact of global warming is expected to become more severe, affecting farms and forests, coastlines and floodplains, water and energy supplies, transportation and human health. [The study](#) was prepared by the United States Global Change Research Program, a joint scientific venture of 13 federal agencies and the White House. Under a 1990 law, the group is required to report every 10 years on natural and human-caused effects on the environment. The current study, which began in the Bush administration, builds on the findings of the 2000 one.” —John M. Broder, [“Government study warns of climate change effects,”](#) *The New York Times*, June 16, 2009.



The 2007 line on the image indicates where Newtok, Alaska’s shoreline had eroded to by 2007. The other lines are projected assuming a conservative erosion rate of 36 to 83 feet per year; however, Newtok residents reported a July 2003 erosion rate of 110 feet per year.

Source: US Army Corps of Engineers

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**Trouble for the wind industry?** A new [study](#) holds potentially unwelcome news for wind power developers: wind speeds in the United States have dropped 15 to 30 percent over the course of about 30 years. And one possible cause, according to the authors, is climate change. —Kate Galbraith, “[Study says US winds are slowing](#),” *The New York Times*, Energy & Environment, June 15, 2009.

**Best recycling and composting program in the nation?** “On June 23rd, the City of San Francisco signed into effect the nation’s first law mandating that all residents and businesses separate their recycling and compost material from normal trash. While many other cities in the US require recycling, no other city requires separation of food scraps and food material to be composted. The measure, which will take effect this fall, is intended to help increase landfill diversion rates to 75 percent by 2010 as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” —Bridgette Meinhold, “[San Francisco signs mandatory recycling and composting laws](#),” *Inhabitat*, June 24, 2009.

**North America’s first biogas venture.** “San José city officials have unveiled a \$20 million deal under which three private partners will produce 900,000 gallons of biogas using German technology and 150,000 metric tons of organic waste generated by San José residents. The project, which still needs regulatory approvals, will be built on a 40-acre site” near the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant. “It is the first North American biogas venture to use biosolids (that is, human waste) from a waste treatment operation.” —John Lorinc, “[Turning human organic waste into energy](#),” *The New York Times*, Energy & Environment, June 19, 2009. Also see <http://www.investorideas.com/News/061709b.asp>

**Drill, drill, drill?** “One of the cleanest energy sources known is geothermal energy, tapping into underground steam to produce electricity. The latest geothermal technology, Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) has shown some disturbing safety risks. In Switzerland and the US, tapping into geothermal energy using EGS has resulted in earthquakes. *The New York Times* reported (June 24, 2009: “[In bedrock, clean energy and quake fears](#)”) that AltaRock Energy will be using the EGS technology [about two miles from] Anderson Springs, CA, a town located close to The Geysers, [where] an existing geothermal power plant uses shallower wells than AltaRock Energy is proposing to drill. [Although AltaRock says its EGS is significantly advanced, it is basically] the same technology that was used in Switzerland when it triggered an earthquake [magnitude 3.4] and the project was shut down” in December 2006. — Susan Wilson, “[Is geothermal energy safe?](#),” *Tech.BLORGE.com*, June 24, 2009.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

**“Will municipal bond insurance ever be back?”** There is a lot of uncertainty whether the muni-bond insurance business will return to former size and reliability. It is quite plausible in the near term that solutions other than bond insurance will be applied to address the credit-enhancement needs of borrowers. A prominent example is the Build America Bond program through which states and local governments can issue bonds in 2009 and 2010 that can tap the much broader taxable-bond market. These loans are backed by a Federal interest-rate subsidy, which allows the states to offer lucrative yields without hurting their fragile finances. California raised a mammoth \$7 billion in April with help from the BAB program.” —Arijit Dutta, “[Tax-free, but no longer \(credit\) risk-free](#),” *Morningstar.com*, June 11, 2009.

**“Sipping coffee aboard the Barcelona-bound AVE.** Spain’s high-speed rail network has grown to nearly 1,200 miles, stretches from Malaga on the south coast to Barcelona (which is north and east), and is stealing passengers from the airlines. A high-speed train can carry eight times as many passengers as an airplane over a given distance, using the same amount of energy and emitting a quarter of the carbon dioxide for each passenger. Such benefits, however, come with a huge price tag. By 2020, Spain plans to spend close to \$140 billion on infrastructure and billions more on trains. That figure could give pause to places like California, whose area and population are about four-fifths the size of Spain’s. Only two routes in the world—between Tokyo and Osaka, and between Paris and Lyon, France—have broken even.” —Victoria Burnett, “[Spain’s high-speed rail offers guideposts for US](#),” *The New York Times*, May 29, 2009. Also see the official US DOT Blog, “[DOT moves US high-speed rail closer to reality](#),” June 17, 2009.

**Will federal transportation money run dry this summer?** “The bulk of the federal Highway Trust Fund comes from the federal gasoline tax and a tax on truck sales. The trust fund is insolvent in large part because Americans are driving less, and when they buy less gas, gasoline tax revenue declines. At the same time, taxes from truck sales have fallen sharply. The federal gas tax is a flat 18.4 cents levied on each gallon of gasoline sold. It has not been raised since 1993. Even as business groups and lawmakers in both parties have called for raising the gas tax, some fear that the move toward more fuel-efficient cars could make that only a temporary fix; and a six-year, \$450 billion transportation bill is hung up over the question of how to pay for it.

“Rather than face a series of three-month extensions of the law, which has happened in the past, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said it would be less disruptive for everyone to plan for a year-and-a-half

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extension now. His proposal would keep the Highway Trust Fund from running out of money this August.” —Michael Cooper, *The New York Times*, “Congress grapples again with how to pay for transportation projects,” June 5, 2009, and “A short-term fix for transportation,” June 17, 2009. Also see the official US DOT Blog, “Let’s face reality on the Highway Trust Fund,” June 18, 2009.

**Infrastructure for the masses.** “When *The New York Times* does something big and ambitious you’re kind of required to mention it or you seem like you live under a rock. It would be like ignoring Carlos Slim at a cocktail party. So in the *Times Magazine* (June 14, 2009) there is a generally-quite-good package on the theme of infrastructure. To save you the energy of skimming the table of contents and then feeling guilty for not

reading anything,” [a summary \(with links\)](#) has been provided by *The Infrastructurist*. The summary came our way from transit advocate Jeff Wood of Reconnecting America. Jeff’s daily post plus commentary, “The Other Side of the Tracks,” is sent by email to members of [Reconnecting America](#). The first five articles of his daily post (with links) are available to non-members ([click here](#)). For the complete issue of the *The New York Times Magazine*, June 14, 2009, [click here](#).

**“Across the Great Divide.** The photographer Jamey Stillings first came upon construction of the Hoover Dam Bypass (also known as the Colorado River Bridge) in March, as he was driving from his home in New Mexico to Nevada. He has been photographing it ever since.” [Slideshow](#), *The New York Times Magazine*, June 14, 2009. ■

YES, FROM THE EVIDENCE IT LOOKS PRETTY LIKELY TO ME THAT WE’RE CAUSING GLOBAL WARMING ON A HORRIFIC SCALE. BUT WITH SCIENCE YOU DON’T NEED TO ARGUE. IT DOESN’T MATTER WHO WINS THE DEBATE:-- IT’S ABOUT REALITY. BY JUST WAITING A LITTLE LONGER, WE’LL GET TO SEE WHO WAS RIGHT. IT FEELS UNETHICAL, BUT I FIND MYSELF WANTING TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT THE SCIENCE JUST TO KNOW FOR SURE. AS TERRIBLE AS IT SOUNDS, THE STATE OF THE WORLD ISN’T REALLY MY RESPONSIBILITY. I’M JUST THRILLED TO GET TO WATCH. IF THE SCIENTISTS ARE RIGHT -- AND IF WE KEEP PEOPLE FROM UNDERSTANDING JUST A LITTLE LONGER -- WE’LL ENJOY QUITE A RIDE. AND PRAGMATICALLY, ON THE OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT THEY’RE ALL WRONG, I GET SAVED THE EMBARRASSMENT OF HAVING SPOKEN UP.



### Playing Devil’s Advocate to Win

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## NORTHERN SECTION CALENDAR

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### JULY

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**SB 375: What local governments need to know about Climate Change legislation.** 8:00 AM–4:15 PM, Oakland Marriott Center, 1001 Broadway, Calvin Simmons Ballroom, Oakland. The session discusses how AB 32 and SB 375 relate to local governments. CEQA thresholds; economic benefits, stimulus, and funding opportunities; networking lunch; sustainable communities strategy; regional collaboration; case studies; climate change plans. Hosted by Local Government Commission, Sacramento; the Governor's Office of Planning and Research; and Senator Darrell Steinberg. \$75.

More information available at <http://www.lgc.org/events/sb375.html>.

Register by July 10 at <http://sb375oakland.eventbrite.com/>

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**Deadline for SACRPH Conference awards.** The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) will hold its 13th National Conference on Planning History in Oakland, October 15–18, 2009. In conjunction with the conference, SACRPH—an interdisciplinary society of scholars and planning practitioners—will present its 2009 biennial awards. The award prizes range from \$100 to \$1000. For more information on the conference, the organization, and how to submit your work or nomination for an award, go to <http://www.barnard.edu/urban/sacrph09>.

7/16

**Urbanism: The convenient solution to the problem of Climate Change, Part 2.** Mobility, accessibility, and sustainability, 4–6 PM, SPUR, 654 Mission Street (near 3rd Street), San Francisco. \$25. Remaining sessions will be held on July 23, July 30, and August 6. For more information: [www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org). RSVP to [classes@spur.org](mailto:classes@spur.org).

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**Urbanism: The convenient solution to the problem of Climate Change, Part 3.** Growing Smarter, 4–6 PM, SPUR, 654 Mission Street (near 3rd Street), San Francisco. \$25. Remaining sessions will be held on July 30, August 6. For more information: [www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org). RSVP to [classes@spur.org](mailto:classes@spur.org). **CM | 2.0 pending**

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**APA Young Planners Group (YPG) happy hour.** 6:30–8:30PM, Koji Sake Lounge, 48 S. First Street, San José.

<http://www.kojisakelounge.com/>. No reservations necessary.

For more information, contact Kimberly Comacho or Roscoe Mata at [norapaypg@gmail.com](mailto:norapaypg@gmail.com)

7/30

**Urbanism: The convenient solution to the problem of Climate Change, Part 4.** Challenges to Place Making, 4–6 PM, SPUR, 654 Mission Street (near 3rd Street), San Francisco. \$25. The final session will be held on August 6. For more information: [www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org). RSVP to [classes@spur.org](mailto:classes@spur.org). **CM | 2.0 pending**



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## AUGUST

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**Urbanism: The convenient solution to the problem of Climate Change, Part 5.** Emissions estimation for land use development projects using URBEMIS2007, 4–6 PM, SPUR, 654 Mission Street (near 3rd Street), San Francisco. \$25. For more information: [www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org). RSVP to [classes@spur.org](mailto:classes@spur.org). **CM | 2.0 pending**

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## SEPTEMBER

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**Northern Section Board meeting.** 6:30–8:30 PM, (light dinner and networking from 6–6:30 PM). ABAG, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland. RSVP to Hanson Hom at [hhom@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:hhom@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) or (408) 730-7450.

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**2009 APA California Conference,** the Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe. Register at <http://www.webregpro.com/events/mxcept/ccapa2009/>. Early registration deadline is July 17th. Hotel reservations can be made at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/CCAPA>. Single/double rates are \$165 per night. All attendees are encouraged to use our chartered bus service for travel between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe. Cost for the bus is \$40 per person roundtrip.

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## OCTOBER

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**13th National Conference on Planning History,** Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH), Oakland Marriott City Center, Oakland, October 15–18, 2009. For more information on the conference, go to <http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/sacrph/conference/conference.html>. ■