

Citizen Planners Role in Planning for Housing over the Next 20 years

Planning for an Equitable National Housing Explosion

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This session will deal with the hot topic of Housing that is facing every State, town, city, and county in the Country. The panel will discuss some of the underlying driving forces that put affordable housing on every agenda of Planning meetings and political campaigns across the country and. The need for affordable housing is different for each area so the panel will discuss some of the key drivers of current conditions and some factors that will drive the debate and decisions we all face in the future.

Topics include:

- Creating citizen-centric land use planning
- The role of zoning and land use in housing
- The pros and cons of relying on redevelopment for affordable housing
- Reclaiming the term "smart growth,"
- Whether we should expect market rate housing to actually pay for itself in terms of tax revenue generated
- How to empower citizen planners and improve the impact that we can have
- Reducing red tape in the approval process