

**10th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth:
Building Safe, Healthy, and Livable Communities
February 3-5, 2011
www.NewPartners.org**

PARTICIPANT CONFIRMATION NOTICE

Thank you for registering for this exciting conference! We have received your registration and the following information is provided to assist you in planning your visit. If you require additional information or have any questions, please call Melissa Harper-Barton at 916-448-1198 ext. 327.

The full 3-day registration fee covers all sessions (except where noted in the program) and materials for February 3-5. The following meals are also included: evening reception on Thursday (2/3); continental breakfast on Friday (2/4); and continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday (2/5). Lunch will not be provided on Thursday (2/3) or Friday (2/4), and dinners are not included in the conference program.

Optional conference tours on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday — and the Achieving Equitable Development Workshop on Wednesday — require pre-registration and carry an additional nominal charge. Check the Program, Conference Tours and Special Features pages at www.NewPartners.org for details.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Please visit the conference Web site at www.NewPartners.org for updated information on the conference sessions and speakers. All of the plenaries and the majority of all of workshops, breakouts and training sessions will take place at the Westin Charlotte Hotel. A handful of sessions will be held directly across the street at the Charlotte Convention Center, on the second floor. The final conference program will clearly indicate where each particular session will be held (the venue and meeting room).

The main conference program begins the morning of Thursday, February 3rd and ends at 4:00pm on Saturday, February 5th. Please visit the conference website to get more details and the most up-to-date conference program. The most current version can be downloaded from the top of the program page.

OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: The daylong pre-conference workshop titled **Achieving Equitable Development: Strategies to Empower Community Organizations**, will be held from 8:30 AM-5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 2nd. Pre-registration and a fee of \$39 are required. More details on this workshop (including an agenda) can be found on the Special Features page of the conference web site. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please register as soon as possible — your conference registration DOES NOT include this workshop!

OPTIONAL CONFERENCE TOURS:

Each of the tours to be held in conjunction with the conference requires advance registration, and an additional nominal fee applies. **Space for each tour is limited. If you are interested in participating in one of the tours, we encourage you to register on-line as soon as possible!** Tour details can be found on the Conference Tours page of the conference Web site. You will receive a tour ticket for each tour you are registered for with the participant materials you receive on-site.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION: Registration materials, including conference programs and name badges will be available for pick up on-site at the Westin Charlotte Hotel during the following dates and times:

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer, 2nd Floor

- Wednesday, February 2 from 7:00 – 9:00am (Achieving Equitable Dev. workshop materials only)
- Wednesday, February 2 from 4:30 – 7:30pm (main conference)
- Thursday, February 3 from 7:30am – 6:00pm (main conference)
- Friday, February 4 from 7:00am – 5:00pm (main conference)

- Saturday, February 5 from 7:00am – 3:00pm (main conference)

CONFERENCE MATERIALS

Please note that the conference organizers are making a concerted effort to produce a greener and more sustainable conference, one that generates less paper and waste. Therefore, we are not providing participant packets during on-site registration. We will only be providing each participant with a namebadge, conference program and a participant list. Other handouts and materials will be produced in smaller quantities and will be available at the Information Tables located in Grand Ballroom Foyer.

We will also NOT be providing conference bags. We understand from polling previous conference participants that most prefer not to take the bags we usually provide, as they already have several others from events. Additionally, conference bags are not very environmentally friendly to produce. It is for these reasons we have decided not to offer them this year. We ask that if you need a bag for the materials you collect at the conference, please bring one with you!

CARBON OFFSETS

Reduce your impact on global warming by offsetting your travel! If you did not take advantage of this opportunity when you registered, it is not too late to do so! You will be able to purchase carbon offsets for your travel to and from the 2011 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference onsite at the conference registration desk, for a nominal fee of \$11. By doing this, you will be supporting important projects that contribute to the NPSG goal of a producing carbon neutral event.

We would also like to suggest that participants consider bringing their own travel coffee mug and/or reusable water bottle with them to the conference. This will help us with our overall goal of reducing waste on-site!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS — The LGC has secured additional overflow hotel accommodations for the conference (both the Westin and the Omni blocks are FULL). Visit www.NewPartners.org for updated hotel information right away — we expect the new hotels to fill up quickly so make your reservations NOW! Reservations made after January 18th will be accepted on a space-available basis only and the group rate is not guaranteed.

PARKING:

Westin Charlotte Hotel

The Westin Charlotte Hotel guarantees parking for overnight guests only. Valet parking and self parking are also available. The overnight rate is \$25.00 for valet and \$18 for self-parking. Additionally, there are numerous other public parking garages and parking lots available throughout downtown close to the Westin Charlotte Hotel. Parking fees vary. Please refer to the posted parking fees at each garage or lot.

AIRPORT GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

Cab fare from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport to The Westin Charlotte Hotel is approximately \$25.00 one way.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTION

Bus:

The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) Bus Service's Sprinter route provides a direct connection from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport and Center City Charlotte, with several stops in between. Service runs from 5:00am to 2:00am, with stops every 20 minutes during weekdays and every 30 minutes during nights and weekends. Cost is \$1.75 each way.

Trolley and Light Rail

The Gold Rush Trolley offers FREE service between 7:00am and 10:00pm daily. The trolley stops at various locations throughout the city.

Vintage trolley service runs with a convenient stop at The Westin Hotel. The trolley connects passengers with Uptown Charlotte and the historic South End. Fare is \$1.50 one way within the city.

LYNX Blue Line Light Rail runs ten miles south parallel to I-77 and South Boulevard; the 10-mile South Corridor line operates seven days a week from 5:00am to 1:00am serving 15 stations. Cost is \$1.50 each way. There is a covered station conveniently located on the top of The Westin Hotel parking deck, along East Stonewall Street between South Brevard Street and South College Street.

FREE AUDIO-RECORDING COUPON: Hungry Mind Recordings will be audio-recording nearly all of the conference sessions on-site. MP3 files and CDs will be available for purchase on-site and on-line after the conference. Each participant will receive a coupon for one FREE download (MP3 file) with the purchase of any two sessions (*up to 90 minutes*), when they pick-up their name badge on-site.

For additional conference information and program updates, please refer to the conference website, www.NewPartners.org.