

***11th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth:
Building Safe, Healthy, and Livable Communities***
February 2-4, 2012
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 or by email at mbarton@lgc.org.

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

Optional conference tours on Thursday and Sunday — and the *Advancing Equity through Planning* pre-conference workshop on Wednesday — require pre-registration and carry an additional nominal charge. Check the Conference Tours and Special Features pages at www.NewPartners.org for details. Contact Melissa Harper-Barton right away if you would like to add any of these optional events to your existing conference registration.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM: The main conference program begins the morning of Thursday, February 2nd at 8:30am and ends at 4:15pm on Saturday, February 4th. Please visit the conference web site at www.NewPartners.org for updated information on the conference sessions and speakers. All of the plenaries, workshops, breakouts, and training sessions will take place at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. A map of all the meeting space will be included in the final program handed out to all participants on site.

OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP on 2/1: The afternoon pre-conference workshop titled *Advancing Equity through Planning*, will be held from 1:00 - 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 1st. Pre-registration and a fee of \$18 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 — the three-day conference registration fee **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.** 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. If you would like to add a tour or workshop to your registration, please contact Melissa Harper-Barton at mbarton@lgc.org or 916-448-1198 ext. 327.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION: Registration materials will be available for pick up on-site at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina during the following dates and times:

Location: Harbor Island Foyer

- Wednesday, February 1 from 12:00 – 7:30PM

Location: Grande Ballroom Foyer

- Thursday, February 2 from 7:00am – 6:30pm
- Friday, February 3 from 7:00am – 5:30pm
- Saturday, February 4 from 7:00am – 3:00pm

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 name badge, 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 Sponsor Display Room.

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!

SPANISH TRANSLATION

In addition to two Spanish-language sessions on Thursday, we also have on-site translation services for four sessions on Thursday and Friday (noted in the agenda with “Spanish translation available”). These offerings will allow us to provide important program content to a larger audience of Spanish-speaking smart growth and sustainable communities professionals and advocates. The Ogma Group, Inc is providing translation services.

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 2012 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference onsite at the conference registration desk, for a nominal fee of \$12. By doing this, you will be supporting important projects that contribute to the NPSG goal of a producing carbon neutral event. The LGC is matching every offset purchased!

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 and energy use on-site!

Friday Farmers Market Lunch Option

Thanks to Brian’s Farmers’ Markets, there is a no-host farmers’ market-style lunch option on **Friday, 2/3** at Cancer Survivors Park, located directly adjacent to the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. Several local food vendors are set up at Cancer Survivor Park, located just steps from the hotel, serving locally grown and prepared foods of all types for an affordable price. While you will purchase your own food, this lunchtime option lets you choose from a variety of different freshly made food while supporting local farmers at the same time and enjoy their meal in a outdoor park setting. Cash payment is encouraged. Directional signage to the park will be provided on-site.

Other Options for Lunch on Thursday and Friday

Given that there are limited dining options within walking distance, the hotel will set up a “cash-n-carry kiosk” for participants during Thursday morning, and during lunch on Thursday and Friday, offering reasonably priced a la carte breakfast and lunch items.

LODGING:

The Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina is no longer honoring the group rate for the New Partners Conference.

We have secured the following hotel for overflow rooms, AT THE GROUP RATE OF \$133 per night (single or double).

Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside

4875 North Harbor Drive

San Diego, CA 02106

619-224-3621

Reservations: 800-662-8899

The group rate of \$133 is available until January 20th, so make your reservations right away, and indicate you are attending the New Partners Conference. Local taxes apply. Each reservation includes one Full American Breakfast (\$11 voucher) and one \$12 voucher for dinner each night.

The Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside is approximately 1 mile from the Sheraton, and will provide shuttle service between the two hotels for participants in the morning on evening each day of the conference (2/1 through 2/4).

The Holiday Inn also provides complimentary airport shuttle service and comp WiFi throughout the hotel. Self-parking is complimentary.

SHERATON PARKING:

Hotel guest self-parking is \$22 per night and valet parking is \$30 per night. These rates are subject to change without notice. Hotel guests receive in and out privileges with self-parking.

Non-hotel guest self-parking is \$4 per hour with a maximum of \$22 per day, with NO in and out privileges. Valet parking for non-hotel guests is \$8 first the first hour and \$4 each additional hour.

AIRPORT GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

The Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina offers complimentary airport shuttle service between the San Diego International Airport and the hotel. The shuttle runs every 20 minutes between the hours of 4:45am and 12am. Outside of these hours, guests may request a pickup by phoning the Hotel directly at (619) 291-2900. The shuttle pick up at the airport is located in the Courtesy Shuttle area across from Terminals 1 and 2.

Taxi:

The distance from the San Diego International Airport to the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina is less than a half a mile. Cab fare between the airport and the hotel is \$6.00 one-way.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTION

The closest bus stop is less than a half a mile from the hotel. Bus route 923 travels east and west and travels directly into downtown. Buses run every 30 minutes from this stop, between the hours of 5:30am and 7:05pm

There is also a bus stop located at the San Diego International Airport at Terminal 1. Bus Route 992 will take passengers from the hotel into downtown. Bus fare is \$2.25 for each trip. Exact change is required since bus drivers do not carry or give change. Day passes are also available for \$5.00 each and can be purchased from the bus driver.

BIKE SHARING PROGRAM:

The conference will feature an on-site bike-sharing program, available for participants for the duration of the conference. The service is sponsored by The Bike Share Group. Reserve your spot early at the Bike Share Group display table in the Grande Ballroom. Helmets and bike locks will be provided.

GAS LAMP DISTRICT EVENING CHARTER:

The Sheraton will be providing limited, complimentary roundtrip bus transportation on Wednesday, (2/1), Thursday (2/2), and Friday (2/3) evenings into the Gas Lamp District, allowing participants the opportunity to go offsite for dinner. There will be two total buses per evening that will accommodate approximately 50 passengers each, on a first come first serve basis. A schedule will be available at the registration desk during the conference.

FREE SESSION AUDIO-RECORDINGS: 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. Buy two (90-minute) sessions and get one free!

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

AICP. We have applied for and received continuing education credits for AICP planners for nearly all of the conference sessions. These sessions are marked in the program with "**CM #**" with the number of credits indicated for each. AICP planners may self-report for credit by logging in to their accreditation website after the conference.

ASLA. Professional development hours (PDH) is the term that ASLA and the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System (LA CES; laces.asla.org) use to describe how much continuing education credit a session carries. These sessions are marked in the program with "**PDH #**" with the number of qualifying credits through LA CES indicated for each. ASLA professionals are required to sign-in at each PDH accredited session that they attend and complete a post-session survey in order to receive credit. Please see the session room monitor before the session to sign-in and get an evaluation form. Certificates of attendance will be provided within 20 days of the conference.

MCLE. The Local Government Commission has applied for MCLE accreditation **for attorneys**. Our application is "pending for approval" by the State Bar of California. It is likely we will not know which sessions will be accredited for attorneys until late January. Please check the conference website for up to date information.

AIA/CES. The Local Government Commission has applied for AIA provider status. Once approved, we will seek accreditation for much of the program and will post the information here. Please check back frequently. It is likely we will not know which sessions will be accredited for architects until late January. Please check the conference website for up to date information.

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

Don't forget to share your experience at the conference by posting on Facebook and tweeting using the hashtag #NPSG

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