



METROPOLITAN EQUITY LEADERSHIP NETWORK

**Building Multi-Racial Leadership for Sustainable Metropolitan
Communities & Neighborhoods in the United States**

New urbanists call for reducing our reliance on automobiles, bringing a wide range of amenities within a 10-minute walk of home and work. They advocate pedestrian-friendly design, including front porches and tree-lined streets, with parking hidden from view. Every neighborhood would be a mix of shops, offices, apartments, and homes, including people of diverse ages, classes, cultures, and races, with a higher density in urban centers, and a celebration of rural life at the clearly marked edge of the city. Such cities, they argue, would result in greater sustainability and a higher quality of life for everyone.

Despite the appeal of this vision, new urbanists, have been slow to engage advocates of social and racial justice, civil rights, labor, housing, and faith-based leaders concerned about the challenges facing marginalized city populations. Now an emerging national movement for metropolitan regional equity is bringing new actors, issues, policies, and practices to the quest for smarter growth and socially just and livable communities. This movement carries fervor and moral authority – not seen since the early days of the civil rights movement – to the rebuilding of our downtowns, city neighborhoods, as well as older and newer suburban communities. We invite you to join us in this movement.

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