



2026 CONFERENCE

CRAFTING OUR NARRATIVE: **PLANNING AS STORYTELLING**

OCTOBER 3-6, 2026

LOS ANGELES, CA AT
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AT-A-GLANCE



Mobile Workshop (MW)



2-Part Sessions



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Attendee Registration Opens	
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Coffee Service	
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Student Day Welcome	
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	MW 1: Living on the Line! TOD Developments	
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Opens	
Session Block 1 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	From Legacy Burden to Equity: Righting Historical Wrongs in Santa Ana's Transit Zoning Code	1.25 EQUITY
	Resilient Planners, Resilient Communities: Planners' Health, Burnout, and Professional Longevity	1.25 CM
	Trouble on the Dais: Making Sense of the Hard Calls for Planning Commissions/Boards	1.25 CM
	Storytelling Through Cost-Benefit Analysis for a Multimodal Future	1.25 EQUITY
	Stories of Wildfire Preparedness and Recovery: Urban, Suburban, Rural, and Town Perspectives	1.25 S&R
Student Block 1 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Capstone to Career: A Candid Convo with Andres and Sev	
	Crafting Your Professional Story - Tips and Tricks to Get the Most Out of Your Conference	
	Taking Control of Your Story: Shape Your Planning Presences to Tell Your Story & Find Success!	
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Headshots	
Student Block 2 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Part 1: Building Spatial Memories: A Place It! Workshop for Crescent City	
	Becoming a Planner: Early-Career Learning, Dissonance, and Growth	
	What I Wish I Knew Before Becoming a Planner - Lessons from the Field	
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM	MW 2: A Walking Tour of Little Tokyo's Planning and Preservation Stories	
Session Block 2 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Rooted in Safety, Rising in Joy: Walk Audits During ICE Raids in South Central LA	1.25 CM
	Zoning at Scale: Building and Using the California Zoning Atlas	1.25 CM
	Breaking the Wildfire Disaster Sequence Through Better Plans and Regulations	1.25 S&R
	How Are We Going to Pay for This? Pride, Prejudice and Public Finance	1.25 CM
	Betty Croly Memorial Lecture: Lessons from The Making of Modern Los Angeles	1.25 CM
Student Block 3 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Part 2: Building Spatial Memories: A Place It! Workshop for Crescent City	
	What to Expect When You Are Expecting... Your First Planning Job!	
	Writing Your Planning Story: Lessons & Reflections from Seasoned Practitioners	
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	Lunch Period (On Your Own)	
Session Block 3 1:15 PM to 2:30 PM	Stop Teaching Planning Like It's 1995: Rethinking Education as Workforce Infrastructure	1.25 EQUITY
	Understanding Pollution Burden with CalEnviroScreen: Tools and Community Insights	1.25 CM
	Mixing and Matching; How Developers are Combining State Laws to Get More Housing Built	1.25 LAW
	Pipes, Policy, and Partnerships: Crafting an Infill Narrative That Delivers	1.25 CM
	From Statute to Streets: Implementing SB 1425 and AB 1889 in Practice	1.25 S&R
	Planning Commissions in a Pro-Housing Era	1.25 CM
	Historical Resources in the Age of Exemption: Preservation and the Changing Tides of CEQA	1.25 CM
	AI in Action: Tools, Workflows, and Real-World Use Cases Across Disciplines	1.25 CM
2:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Opening Plenary 	1.50 CM
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	CPF Student Awards Event	
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Opening Reception at The Novo	

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7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Grab-and-Go Breakfast & Coffee	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MW 3: MOVE Culver City!	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MW 4: From Concrete Channel to Community Connector: Active Transportation on the LA River	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MW 5: The Race to LA28: Preparing Los Angeles & Exposition Park for the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Attendee Registration	
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	
Session Block 4 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Hablaamos Juntos: How Translation Shapes Planning Narratives and Outcomes	1.25 EQUITY
	Writing Water Futures: How Three California Regions Are Shaping the SGMA Story	1.25 CM
	Ethics Reality TV	1.25 ETHICS
	Shading-In: Tools and Approaches for Planners to Add Shade in Under-Resourced Communities	1.25 CM
	Beyond the Guide: Latino Inclusive Engagement & the Role of Latinos in Planning 	1.25 EQUITY
	First on the Frontlines: Planning for Climate-Ready Communities	1.25 S&R
	Telling the Shoreline's Story: Design, Narrative, and Community Power in Bay Area Adaptation	1.25 EQUITY
	Turning Housing Processes into Housing Policies (That Work!)	1.25 CM
	Capturing Resilience: Stormwater as Multi-Benefit Infrastructure and Placemaking	1.25 S&R
Session Block 5 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Part 1: 2026 Legislative Update 	1.25 LAW
	Writing the Next Chapter: How Planning Tools Are Reimagining Signal Hill's Future Local	1.25 CM
	Historic Preservation, Modern Challenges: Writing the Next Mills Act Chapter	1.25 CM
	Celebrating a Big Moment for a Small City: Rebuilding Community in Guadalupe With 80 New Homes	1.25 CM
	Becoming AICP	
11:15 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch Period (On Your Own)	
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	MW 6: From Concept through Construction: A Ride & Walk Tour of Metro's New D Line and Subway Stations	
Session Block 6 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Part 2: 2026 Legislative Update 	1.25 LAW
	Mapping Our Power: Cultural Asset Mapping as Community Storytelling and Self-Determination	1.25 CM
	What Story Does California Tell about Agricultural Land Equity? What story do we WANT to tell?	1.25 CM
	Sacred Stories, Shared Spaces: Spiritual Narratives in the Planning Practice	1.25 CM
	The Planner's Guide to Public Hearing Presentations	1.25 CM
	Room & Board: Unpacking the Tahoe Housing Crisis	1.25 CM
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	The Summit 	1.50 EQUITY
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Chapter Awards Event	

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7:00 AM - 8:30 AM **Grab-and-Go Breakfast & Coffee**

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM **MW 7:** City of Champions Rewritten: Inglewood's Story of Disinvestment to Economic Prosperity

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM **MW 8:** From Fire to Recovery: Rebuilding Malibu After the Palisades Fire

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Attendee Registration**

8:00 AM - 6:45 PM **Exhibit Hall Open**

Session Block 7 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Part 1: The 'Elephant in the Room' Imperative: Defending Ethical Planning, Democracy and the Public Interest	1.25 ETHICS
	Equity 2.0	1.25 CM
	Integrating Urban Ecology to Create Healthy Places	1.25 S&R
	Uncorking the Data: Alcohol Reform and Neighborhood Impacts	1.25 CM
	Lessons Learned from Microtransit in Costa Mesa	1.25 CM
	If It's Not in the Record, It's Not the Story: Building a Defensible Administrative Record	1.25 LAW
	Resilient Roads: Stories of Rebuilding Transportation After Wildfire 	1.25 S&R
	Long-Term Water Supply Reliability: Planning for Emergencies	1.25 CM
	Build the Story, Bridge the Silos: A Theory to Practice Workshop for Planners and Partners	1.25 CM

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM **MW 9:** Northeast Los Angeles: Where Hipster Vibes Meet Community Resilience

Session Block 8 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Part 2: The 'Elephant in the Room' Imperative: Defending Ethical Planning, Democracy and the Public Interest	1.25 ETHICS
	Sharing LA's Untold Stories: Current Initiatives in Cultural Placekeeping	1.25 CM
	Reclaiming Oakland Chinatown: A 12-Year Reflection from Plan to Built Reality	1.25 EQUITY
	Culture as Infrastructure: Land Stewardship & Planning Tools Preserving Cultural Neighborhoods.	1.25 CM
	Planning Stories from the Ashes: From Maui to LA	1.25 S&R
	CEQA is DEAD – Long Live CEQA!	1.25 LAW
	From Stories to Sidewalks: Mobility Planning Through Lived Experience	1.25 CM
	Housing Element Update, Moving From “6” to “7”: Lessons, Strategy, AI, and What Comes Next	1.25 CM
	What's Below Ground Shapes What's Above it: How Infrastructure Shapes Planning	1.25 CM

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM **On-Site Networking Luncheon**

Session Block 9 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Part 1: California Town Hall: California's Core Planning Principles Across Every Stage of Planning	1.25 EQUITY
	Part 1: Cultivating Emerging Leaders - Strategic Skills to Achieve Project Success	1.25 CM
	Welcome to the 7th Cycle of RHNA: An Updated Accounting of California's Housing Needs	1.25 CM
	Empowering Actions and Takeaways for Women in Planning	1.25 EQUITY
	It's 2026, Have You Updated Your Impact Fee Program?	1.25 CM
	Putting the Busy in Busytown – (Richard) Scarry Planning Commissions in Action	1.25 CM
	Funding Climate Resilience Initiatives: State & Local Tools, Strategies, and Implementation Lessons	1.25 S&R
	From Barriers to Boulevards in Five Wounds Urban Village, a Blueprint for Equitable TOC	1.25 CM
	Reconciling Polarizing Narratives: Balancing Between AI Infrastructure Growth and Community Identity	1.25 CM

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **MW 10:** LGBTQ+ in LA: Then and Now

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **MW 11:** Story Trails, Tunnels, and Bridges

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **MW 12:** Resilience in the Planning Process: Never Losing Sight of a Community's Story

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM **MW 13:** True Hollywood Stories: Beyond the Glam - Creative Public Spaces, Sustainability, and Revitalization

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	Part 2: Cultivating Emerging Leaders - Strategic Skills to Achieve Project Success	1.25 CM
	Building Trust, Creating Joy, and Navigating Controversy in Community-Centered Public Engagement	1.25 EQUITY
	Industrial Employment Lands: Supporting Economic Resiliency and Complete Communities	1.25 CM
	Local Governments as Building Decarbonization Leaders	1.25 EQUITY
	Restorative Planning in Action: Storytelling to Funding	1.25 EQUITY
	Heat Waves of Change: A Fresh Look at Planning for Extreme Heat	1.25 CM
	The Automation Prescription: A Spoonful of Tech Helps the Zoning Go Down	1.25 CM
	The Future of Land Use and Environmental Regulation in the United States	1.25 LAW
	A Tale of Two Climate Plans: Urban and Rural Climate Action and Adaptation Storytelling	1.25 CM
Session Block 11 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Understanding Planning Ethics in Even More Challenging Times	1.25 ETHICS
	Responsible AI for Planning That Reduces Backlogs and Protects Defensible Decisions	1.25 CM
	Beyond Data, Centering Stories: Reframing Indigenous Engagement in Planning Practice	1.25 EQUITY
	Increasing Utilization of Special Purpose Vouchers Through Housing Navigation & Landlord Incentives	1.25 EQUITY
	A Tale of Two Built-Out Cities: Practical Housing Lessons from Culver City and West Hollywood	1.25 CM
	From Plans to Progress: Where Does Regional Planning Go from Here?	1.25 CM
	Trains of Thought on Implementing SB 79: Planning for Local Circumstances and State TOD Mandates	1.25 LAW
	H2T: Car Dependency Despite No Parking in Affordable Housing Developments	1.25 CM
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm	Data Driven Storytelling and Technical Assistance to Build a Safe Transportation System	1.25 CM
	Sponsor's Reception	

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

		CM CREDIT
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Coffee Service	
8:00 am - 9:30 AM	Attendee Registration	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MW 14: Behind The Scenes at NBCUniversal: How Long-Range Planning Shapes An Entertainment Destination	
Session Block 12 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Planning as Storytelling: Community-Led Placekeeping in South LA's Black Cultural District	1.25 CM
	Collaboration in LA County for Community Climate Resilience Projects, in Good and Challenging Times	1.25 CM
	Moving Industrial Development Forward: Reconciling Jobs, Industry, and Community Impacts	1.25 CM
	Goldilocks and Three Code Updates: Lessons to Make Your Zoning Code Update 'Just Right'	1.25 CM
	Separating Truth from Fiction: Sidewalk Policies to Bridge the Gap from Planning Goals to Reality	1.25 CM
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Your City Has Entered the Chat: Using Social Media and Short-Form Video to Tell Your Story	1.25 CM
	Closing Plenary	

