August 22, 2017

**ACSP Statement on Charlottesville**

Dear Faculty, Students and Colleagues,

The ACSP Governing Board, representing our membership, condemns the hateful ideology of the white nationalism that was central to this past weekend’s protest at and near the University of Virginia campus. A vital element of ACSP’s mission is to promote education, research and outreach in the United States and throughout the world by seeking to recognize diverse needs and interests in planning. Although the loss of life and hateful actions from this past weekend are receiving due attention, we use this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to address injustices that occur every day in communities across the country. We will do all we can to fight unjust and deeply harmful actions and intentions. We reiterate our commitment to maintain and advance the field of planning as a diverse community that brings people together toward greater understanding and shared practices for the common good.

~ ACSP 2017-2018 Governing Board