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Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval to Give Opening Main Stage Remarks at CNU 32

Cincinnati, OH -- On Thursday, May 16, Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval will welcome New Urbanists to the city with an opening Main Stage talk on the impact of local reform in connecting housing and transportation investment as part of [CNU 32.Cincinnati](#).

CNU 32.Cincinnati is hosted by the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) and runs **May 15 – 18, 2024** at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. This event is the premier venue for spearheading the conversations that inform the design and shape of our communities with a focus this year on [Restorative Urbanism](#). CNU 32 will bring over 1,500 New Urbanists together to engage and celebrate urbanism in the Midwest.

In the Cincinnati region and throughout the country, home building is not keeping pace with demand for urban growth. Fundamental to this common yet complex challenge are the regulations that control what can be built and where, and how they align with the transportation systems that support movement, access, and economic opportunity. Mayor Pureval will join CNU co-founder Peter Calthorpe to kick off the Congress with a Main Stage tackling the landscape of leveraging state legislation to impact local reform.

“We’re thrilled to bring CNU 32 to Cincinnati,” says CNU President Mallory Baches. “And CNU is pleased to have Mayor Aftab Pureval welcome New Urbanists to the city to learn more about the work being done at the local level to address the most pressing issues facing communities in the Cincinnati region and nationwide.”

The work of New Urbanists must respond to outdated land use regulations that lead to a limited housing supply, concentrated areas of poverty, and restrictions on property owners. During this conversation, Pureval will detail proposed local land use and zoning policy changes, called Connected Communities, that aim to help Cincinnati connect its 52 neighborhoods in order to provide all members of the community with more accessibility, diversity, and supportive urbanism. Calthorpe will describe his “Grand Boulevards” strategy and how it can inform state legislative reforms like the groundbreaking California Assembly Bill 2011.

More information about CNU 32.Cincinnati is available at cnu.org/cnu32.

About CNU

The Congress for the New Urbanism’s (CNU) is dedicated to making the design of cities, towns, and neighborhoods a part of how we respond to complex societal challenges, realizing their full potential to expand the social, economic, and environmental opportunities available to all members of each community. By highlighting effective design principles and lowering barriers to change, CNU amplifies the grassroots power of our thousands of members to build and rebuild their communities in ways that improve sustainability, increase accessibility, and promote equity.

