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#### CNU WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**JACKSON, COGAN MILLMAN BRING PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SUSTAINABLE DESIGN**

**Washington, DC:** The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) has welcomed Richard J. (Dick) Jackson of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, and Jessica Cogan Millman, a foremost expert in urban planning, environmentally sustainable development, and the principles of smart growth to its Board of Directors. Their presence further diversifies the knowledge base of a board which already has collective expertise in architecture, planning, urban design, form-based codes, development, demographics, social equity, public engagement, and transportation. (See more about the Board [at this link](#)).

"We have long wanted to address public health more explicitly in our work and strengthen our ties to likeminded environmental organizations," said Board Chair Eliza Harris Juliano, CNU-A. "Both Dick Jackson and Jessica Cogan Millman bring much-needed and thought-provoking experiences and knowledge to CNU's board."

**Richard J. (Dick) Jackson** is a Professor Emeritus at the Fielding School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles. A pediatrician, he has served in many leadership positions in both environmental health and infectious disease with the California Health Department, including the highest as the State Health Officer. For nine years he was Director of the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health in Atlanta and received the Presidential Distinguished Service award. In October 2011 he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

He has co-authored two Island Press Books: *Urban Sprawl and Public Health* in 2004, and *Making Healthy Places* in 2011. He is host of a 2012 public television series *Designing Healthy Communities* which links to the J Wiley & Sons book by the same name. He has served on many environmental and health boards, as well as the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects. He is an elected honorary member of both the American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects.

**Jessica Cogan Millman** is an expert and leader in urban planning, environmentally sustainable development, and the principles of smart growth. Her extensive experience includes working at all levels of government and in the non-profit arena,

as well as at many scales, including in community development at the neighborhood level. As a founding member of the LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) Core Committee, Jessica drafted many of the credits. Through the Natural Resources Defense Council's Green Neighborhoods Program, she experimented with applying the LEED-ND rating system in non-traditional ways, including using the rating system as an audit tool to measure a community's efforts to achieve their sustainability goals. Among the positions Jessica has held are Deputy Director of the Smart Growth Leadership Institute at Smart Growth America; Planning Director for the Coalition for Smarter Growth in Washington, DC, Chief of Staff for the Governor's Office of Smart Growth in Maryland and as the Director of Program and Policy Coordination at the Maryland Department of Planning; and a variety of positions at the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

CNU's National Board governs the activities of the Congress for the New Urbanism. Twelve members serve, with three of these elected directly from the membership and chapters. All members serve a three-year term. The Board is required to uphold the Bylaws of the organization (for a copy of the bylaws, [see this link](#)).

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The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) helps create vibrant and walkable cities, towns, and neighborhoods where people have diverse choices for how they live, work, shop, and get around. People want to live in well-designed places that are unique and authentic. CNU's mission is to help build those places.

With seventeen local and state chapters and offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC, CNU works to unite the New Urbanist movement. Our projects and campaigns serve to empower our members' efforts, identify policy opportunities, spread great ideas and innovative work to a national audience, and catalyze new strategies for implementing policy through design approaches. CNU is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

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