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CNU WELCOMES FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

KNOWLEDGE OF FORM-BASED CODES, TRANSIT, COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY, AND URBAN GEOGRAPHY

Washington, DC: The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) has welcomed four new Board members who bring a range of experience to their positions. Their presence further diversifies the knowledge base of a board which already has collective expertise in architecture, planning, urban design, development, demographics, social equity, public engagement, and transportation. (See more about the Board [at this link](#)).

“These officers bring so much to the work of CNU,” said Board Chair Eliza Harris Juliano, CNU-A. “The practice of New Urbanism calls for an appreciation and working knowledge of how all the disciplines come together in creating more livable communities. It also takes an understanding of how economics and other dynamics can contribute to or work against making a place more affordable, accessible, and equitable. These individuals, each person and as a group, strengthen that much-needed understanding and vision in our board.”

Susan Henderson, an international expert on form-based codes for communities, is PlaceMakers' Director of Coding and Design. Susan has led numerous form-based code projects throughout North America. As a LEED Accredited Professional, she brings her expertise in sustainability to form-based code writing. She is co-author of the *Lean Code Tool*, a contributor to the *SmartCode & Manual*, and author of the *SmartCode Landscape Module*. Susan has been appointed for a three-year term.

Scot Spencer leads the Annie E. Casey Foundation's work in advancing community-focused policies, practices, and strategies that increase opportunities for children, families and the places where they live and foster their success. Scot also coordinates Casey's local advocacy efforts in Baltimore. Before taking on these roles, Spencer managed Casey's investments in East Baltimore, where the Foundation seeks to strengthen community and economic development in a historic, low-income neighborhood next door to the Johns Hopkins University medical campus. He previously was a transportation specialist at the Environmental Defense Fund, where he focused on state-level smart-growth policy and Commuter Choice, a local tax incentive for people who use transit. He also served as deputy director for Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition. There, he led the federal Bridges to Work demonstration, which provided job training and

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placement services for residents in East and West Baltimore, as well as transportation from their neighborhoods to employment centers in the suburbs. In addition, he worked for several years in private architectural practice, community development and university relations in upstate New York. Spencer serves on a number of local and national boards, including as chairman of Smart Growth America, and as a board member of The Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities and the Orton Family Foundation. He was the founding chair of the Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities and served as co-chair of the Opportunity Collaborative, Baltimore's regional plan development through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Initiative.

Emily Talen, CNU member since 2000, is Professor of Urbanism at the University of Chicago. Her research is devoted to urban design and urbanism, especially the relationship between the built environment and social equity. Her books include: *New Urbanism and American Planning*, *Design for Diversity*, *Urban Design Reclaimed*, and *City Rules*. She also has several edited volumes – the most recent one is *Retrofitting Sprawl: Addressing 70 Years of Failed Urban Form*. She is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Emily has been appointed for a three-year term.

Larry Gould, the elected CNU chapter representative, has a 35-year background in transportation planning and operations, including at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) New York City. He is a passionate advocate for reinforcing good development decisions with good transit decisions. In his current position at Nelson Nygaard, Larry works on transit plans ranging from high-capacity rail projects to community and campus circulators. Larry's elected seat is a three-year term.

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](#)).

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 with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC.

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