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Dear Samantha,

As local policymakers from a diverse range of communities, we are writing to support of the National New Partners for Smart Growth Conference.

The New Partners for Smart Growth Conference is a partnership between the U.S. EPA, the Local Government Association, and industry leaders from state government, grassroots nonprofits and private companies.

As local policymakers, we participate in this conference collectively drawn a total of over 16,000 people connect with a national and other local elected officials, state and federal agency leaders, professionals in planning, transportation, public health, architecture, public works, parks and recreation, crime prevention, realtors, developers, builders and bankers, advocates and environmental justice and all others committed to building safer, healthier and more livable communities.

The New Partners conference has guided a strong and diverse movement of community revitalization for over a decade and a half. The strength of the conference comes from the diversity of participants who cross disciplinary line expertise, best practices, inspiration, and proven implementation tools and strategies. With the critical issues facing America's communities including declining infrastructure, growing inequality and economic distress are more reasons than ever to join efforts with new partners to work towards a common goal of creating economically viable, equitable, and livable communities for all.

Continued support from the U.S. EPA for the New Partners for Smart Growth conference sends a strong signal to subnational leaders that the agency supports cooperative partnerships between national, state, and local leaders to improve economies and solve community challenges.



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We look forward to an ongoing partnership on this conference, and in our revitalization efforts at large.

Sincerely,

- Oliver Baines, Councilmember, City of Fresno
- Catherine Blakespear, Mayor, City of Encinitas
- Thomas Butcher, Mayor, City of Richmond
- Miguel Canales, Councilmember, City of Artesia
- Krissana Clark, Mayor, City of Sherwood
- Dominic Farinha, Councilmember, City of Patterson
- Abel Guillen, Councilmember, City of Oakland
- Steve Hansen, Councilmember, City of Sacramento
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- Michele Martinez, Councilmember, City of Santa Ana
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