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Samantha Dravis,

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

The New Partners for Smart Growth Conference has been a 17-year partnership between the U.S. EPA, the Local Government Commission and bi-partisan industry leaders from state government, grassroots nonprofits and private companies.

As local policymakers we participate in this conference— which has collectively drawn a total of over 16,000 people— to connect with a national audience of 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 for equity 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 for community revitalization for over a decade and a half. The enduring strength of the conference comes from the diversity of participants who cross disciplinary lines to share 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— there 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 local economies and solve community challenges.

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

Sincerely,

Oliver Baines, *Councilmember, City of Fresno*

Catherine Blakespear, *Mayor, City of Encinitas*

Thomas Butt, *Mayor, City of Richmond*

Miguel Canales, *Councilmember, City of Artesia*

Krissana Clark, *Mayor, City of Sherwood*

Dominic Farinha, *Councilmember, City of Patterson*

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Bill Henry, *Councilmember, City of Baltimore*

Tim Knapp, *Mayor, City of Wilsonville*

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SAVE THE DATES: The 17th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference is being held February 1-3, 2018 in San Francisco, CA! Visit NewPartners.org for more information!

CivicSpark is now recruiting Project Partners for 2017-18

Over the past 3 years, CivicSpark, LGC's Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program has provided 130,000+ hrs of climate and water capacity-building support to over 100 public agencies. If you are a local government, State agency, or an NGO with a climate or water action project need, visit our website to learn more and apply to receive project support!