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## **CALL FOR PAPERS Deadline January 31, 2017**

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### **54<sup>th</sup> International Making Cities Livable Conference - Public Places for Community, Democracy, Health & Equity**

La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, October 2-6, 2017

Public places - our streets, plazas, squares, and green spaces belong to ALL of us! They are our democratically shared common wealth - the most important aspect of every city. How we treat the public realm demonstrates how we value our fellow citizens, our democratic principles, our health, and our community.

Join us in Santa Fe to share your achievements and learn from others how we can take back our streets and squares - and in the process, strengthen community, civic engagement, health, and equity.

Paper proposals are invited from elected officials, scholars and practitioners concerned with the following issues:

#### **Public Places for Community & Democratic Dialogue**

- Streets for people
- Child- and elder-friendly public places
- Eyes on the Street
- Reclaiming public space
- Designing squares and plazas to support social interaction
- Form based codes to generate social life
- Pairing market places and civic buildings to foster democratic dialogue
- Effects of vertical and horizontal sprawl on quality of public places
- Characteristics of sociable piazzas
- Urban density, human scale, and hospitable places

- Multi-functional schools as neighborhood centers
- Transforming malls into mixed-use community centers

### Public Places for Health

- Active mobility
- Walkable 10-minute community/reshaping suburbia
- Lifetime community
- How the built and natural environment affects health
- Integrating public health and planning
- Health impact assessment
- Increasing walking as a transit mode/pedestrian networks
- Bicycle planning, buffered bikeways
- Complete streets, green streets, shared space streets
- Transit-oriented development
- Ensuring access to nature/Green and blue in the city
- Neighborhood parks and trails/Community gardens, farmer's markets
- Mitigating air pollution/Reducing urban heat islands
- Urban noise, light pollution and health
- Fighting climate change by healthy urban design

### Public places for increasing equity

- Prioritizing improvements to public places in poor neighborhoods
- Designing the public realm to heal social segregation
- Combatting food deserts/Urban agriculture
- Health equity planning
- Community participation/sweat equity in public space improvements
- Inclusive and equitable communities
- Stabilizing low income home ownership/Shared equity housing
- Mixed-income/affordable family housing
- Housing the homeless/preventing homelessness
- Making barrios and favelas healthy

For more details and to submit a proposal, please see:

<http://www.livablecities.org/conferences/54th-conference-santa-fe/call-papers>