

An Introduction to the California Planning Roundtable

Formed in 1980, the California Planning Roundtable (CPR) is an organization of experienced planning professionals who are members of the American Planning Association (APA). CPR acts as a policy research and development resource for the California planning profession to enhance the sustainability and livability of California's communities. CPR addresses emerging policy issues with solutions that can be widely applied in planning practice.

Roundtable Projects and Programs

The Roundtable regularly takes on projects and provides programs to assist in meeting the organization's vision and mission, with over 20 reports and annual workshops having been produced over the past two decades.

Recent program focus has been on leadership, providing feedback to California agencies on program guidelines, and convening panel discussions on challenges facing California planners.

Examples include:

Implementation of State Housing Legislation

Worked with staff of the California Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure that State implementation guidelines for 2017 housing legislation would reflect important planning principles and realistic expectations.

Overcoming Obstacles to Infill Development

Prepared a series of papers to educate and encourage local officials and planners to plan for infill housing development and financing tools in a post-redevelopment world.



Vision: The California Planning Roundtable advances planning practice and influences policy through innovation and leadership to create healthy, prosperous, and equitable communities.



Mission: The California Planning Roundtable is a resource for policy exploration, innovation, and development for California planning to enhance the sustainability, equity, and livability of California communities. CPR focuses on emerging policy issues with cutting-edge solutions.

Reinventing the General Plan

Researched innovations for preparing general plans and making them more effective, identified emerging trends, and documented the results, providing insight to jurisdictions preparing plans and the California State Office of Planning Research as it updated the General Plan Guidelines.



Planners4Health

An initiative to foster collaboration and develop opportunities for planning professionals to play leading roles in the "healthy communities" movement.

Social Determinants of Health

A paper prepared to increase dialogue and collaboration between planning and public health professionals during community planning processes.

Essential Professional Skills for Practicing Planners

CPR conducts interactive leadership sessions and workshops at planning conferences to develop skills based on "lessons learned" from seasoned practitioners.

Roundtable Membership

The California Planning Roundtable has 34 positions for permanent members, with 28 evenly divided between Northern and Southern California, and the public and private sectors. Four of the remaining positions are reserved for members from academic institutions, and two are for members from agencies of the State or federal governments.

Current Membership

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More than 40 active emeritus members contribute to CPR projects and programs. For a full list of members and contact information, please see www.cprroundtable.org/members.