



Call for 2017 APA LA Annual Conference Session Ideas

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Dear Fellow APA LA Chapter Member:

We are pleased to announce that the APA LA annual state conference will take place in New Orleans City Park at the Pavilion of the Two Sisters from Tuesday, March 7, 2017 through Wednesday, March 8, 2017. We are having a two-day state conference due to planning for the national APA conference coming to New Orleans in April of 2018.

The 2017 APA LA conference theme is “**Planning Healthy Communities**”. The conference program will feature the requisite continuing education sessions for American Institute of Planners (AICPs) on ethics and law. All conference sessions will be submitted for AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) credits.

This is a call for conference session ideas that complement the conference theme. We are interested in your conference session ideas consistent with the range of topics shown below.

1. Walkability, bikability and other features of healthy communities
2. Healthy development projects
3. Healthy housing choices
4. Public health and resiliency
5. Food security and urban agriculture
6. Public health issues in flood control and hazard mitigation

The 2017 APA LA Local Host Conference Committee will use your ideas to construct the conference program. Please send your session ideas with name and contact information to Meredith Soniat at msoniat@norpc.org.

Also, the conference schedule will include an hour of Pecha Kucha 20/20. This is an engaging format in which each speaker gets 20 slides, timed at 20 seconds each. We would like nominations for these mini-presentations as well. And feel free to self-nominate.

To submit a set for the Pecha Kucha, please provide an email to derek.chisholm@aecom.com with: name and a short bio, topic, goal of the presentation, and a description of the speaker's familiarity with the topic. Indicate in the email that the nomination is for one of the 6 Pecha Kucha slots. Please see www.pechakucha.org for additional information.

Please submit your session or Pecha Kucha ideas by 4:00 p. m. on Friday, November 21, 2016. We appreciate your assistance with the upcoming conference and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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