

IForums 2013

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Weak Communities **CAN Get Strong...** And Strong Communities **CAN Get Stronger!**

Some neighborhoods are seen as desirable by the market and some aren't. Some are strong and some aren't. Most large and small cities, suburbs and rural towns have communities that don't reach their potential or, worse, struggle with disinvestment, poor living conditions, depressed business climate and a weak tax base.

How can these neighborhoods be strengthened?

How can the value of a community – in its location, housing stock, transit connections, schools, parks, entertainment and cultural resources, history, aesthetics and commercial and job centers be parlayed into greater value and growth?

THE STAKES ARE HIGH! Demographics and market trends, high energy costs, environmental concerns, health and education disparities and economic stagnation are reshaping the reality – and potential – of our neighborhoods.

Many Connecticut communities are taking a fresh look and reshaping their futures. Yours can too.

Join us on **Tuesday, January 29** for the First IForum of 2013:

What Makes a Strong Community?

The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence Street, Hartford, CT 06106
(directions: www.lyceumcenter.org/directions.html)

8:30 am – 9:00 am: Coffee, pastry, conversation

9:00 am – 11:00 am: Program

11:15 am - Noon: The conversation continues - stay for a more informal chat with our speakers.

Featuring Keynote Speaker Kaid Benfield

A national leader in community development and land use policy, Kaid Benfield is Director of the Sustainable Communities and Smart Growth program at the Natural Resources Defense Council, founder of Smart Growth America, and founder and leader of LEED for Neighborhood Development.

Expert panel to follow: **Lee Cruz**, Community Outreach Director for the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven; **Mario Cruz**, Principal of Smalley Academy in New Britain; **Scott Jackson**, Mayor of Hamden; and **Andrea Pereira** – Executive Director of CT Local Initiatives Support Corporation's (LISC).

Event is free. We expect strong attendance. Register now: laura@pschousing.org
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