



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT 2009
"Creating Great Places: From House to Market"

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Dear Community Development Stakeholder:

Preparations for this year's Summit are well underway. It is certainly not too soon to mark **September 16th and 17th** on your calendars. And now is the time to think about how **you** would like to participate.


Last year's inaugural Community Development Summit was a great success. Over 500 people participated in ground-breaking policy workshops and timely discussions on how the public and private sector can work together to create and support sustainable neighborhoods.

I am very excited about the innovative spirit that is already defining the 2009 Summit. First of all, **the Urban Land Institute (ULI)** is partnering with the City of San Antonio to put together a fantastic program. This is the first time that this respected national organization has partnered with a municipality for an event of this caliber. This year's theme, **"Creating Great Places: From House to Market"** sets the stage for provocative and productive stakeholder dialogue. ULI's involvement will bring discussion on the perspective of the real estate and development professionals who engage the market on a daily basis.

The Steering Committee is hard at work on the program details, including workshops, tours, and special events. Some of the unique events this year will include a **Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Awards Ceremony** and a one-of-a-kind networking event on the evening of September 16th. Of course, we will also be updating the Strategic Plan for Community Development with stakeholder feedback. This includes selection of next year's Reinvestment Plan Areas, making the 2009 Summit a critical event that no community development stakeholder will want to miss.

Registration will be opening soon. In the meantime, please consider participating in one of the most important events of the year.

Sincerely,


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