

Special Board of Directors

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Urban Land Institute: Local government technical assistance programs

Agenda item type: Informational briefings

Summary

Overview of DRCOG's partnership with Urban Land Institute – Colorado Chapter

Background

ULI is the oldest and largest network of cross-disciplinary real estate and land use experts in the world. DRCOG established a partnership with [ULI Colorado](#) several years ago to facilitate greater access to ULI's technical assistance resources. Through the partnership, ULI provides [technical assistance panels \(TAPs\)](#) to communities in the Denver region each year. This year, we are expanding the partnership to bring a ULI capacity building program, [UrbanPlan](#), to communities in the region.

TAPs, composed of qualified and unbiased ULI Colorado members who volunteer their time, bring relevant expertise directly into communities to address difficult real estate and land use challenges. TAPs are designed to provide practical and actionable recommendations that can provide direction and inform critical steps related to targeted investments in planning, economic development and infrastructure.

UrbanPlan is a realistic, engaging exercise in which participants (community members, appointed or elected officials) learn the fundamental forces that affect development in our communities. Through an interactive workshop, participants have an opportunity to explore the challenging issues, complex trade-offs, and fundamental economics in play when proposing realistic land use solutions to vexing growth challenges.

Through this partnership, DRCOG and ULI have connected development and real estate expertise with local government's efforts to address complex community and economic development efforts. DRCOG is pleased to expand this partnership to include additional ULI programs for local governments in the region.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

None

Attachment(s)

ULI Presentation



For more information

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