

INTERNATIONAL MAKING

"From Sprawl to Neighborhoods: Livable Cities (and Suburbs) for ALL"

CITIES LIVABLE 2020



"The best conference on cities."

- Joseph P. Riley
Former Mayor, Charleston, SC (USA)

June 2-6, 2020

Carmel Center for the Performing Arts
1 Center Green
Carmel, Indiana 46032

Suzanne C and Henry L Lennard Institute for Livable Cities Inc.
A Public Benefit Corporation Under US 501(c)(3) Code

Please join us for a very special 57th IMCL Conference!

We'll gather in Carmel, Indiana, an impressive and instructive USA case study of transformation from a sprawling bedroom suburb to a walkable, diverse, thriving and livable town. (Some of Carmel's remarkable accomplishments are shown in the background of this website, and in the photos below.) Using Carmel as one concrete example, we'll ask, what are the effective new tools and strategies to bring positive change to suburban areas? What are the barriers Carmel and other similar success stories faced, and how did they overcome them? Or if they didn't, what can we learn from those lessons too?

And we'll examine other related challenges for cities and towns today, including the crisis of affordable housing, the need for climate resilience and adaptation, promoting neighborhood health, achieving urban equity, promoting active mobility, age-friendly cities, neighborhoods for children, and much more.

Lastly, we'll celebrate the life and legacy of our founder, Suzanne Lennard. Since its founding in 1985 by Suzanne and her late husband Henry, the IMCL has become a premier international leadership conference on urban quality of life. These special gatherings have brought together many of the world's most innovative and successful mayors, planners, economic development specialists, designers, developers, NGO officials, and researchers and scholars. This exceptional peer-to-peer event, limited to several hundred participants, will allow you to share the latest strategies and tools to promote health, well-being, prosperity and livability in your city or town. Please join us as we celebrate and build on Suzanne's legacy!

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OUR SPEAKERS

Join leading national and international mayors, planners, economic development experts, designers, developers, researchers, and other professionals and activists. Share lessons about what's working

just some of our speakers:

Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk

Pioneering urbanist and architect, and co-author of "Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream"

Christopher Leinberger

Professor at George Washington University, and author of "The Option of Urbanism: Investing in a New American Dream"

Laura Petrella

Head of City Planning, Extension and Design Unit, UN-Habitat, Nairobi KE

Richard J. Jackson, MD, MPH

Professor Emeritus of Public Health, UCLA, and former Director of the US National Center for Public Health at the Centers for Disease Control

George Ferguson

Architect, Former Mayor, Bristol, UK and Past President, Royal Institute of British Architects

Ellen Dunham-Jones

Professor at Georgia Tech, leading authority on suburban redevelopment, and co-author of "Retrofitting Suburbia"

Sven von Ungern-Sternberg

Former Mayor, Freiburg Germany

AND OUR HOST

Mayor James Brainard of Carmel, along with members of his expert staff. Previous member of President Obama's Climate Task Force.

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SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

TUESDAY, June 2nd

1:00 pm // Registration opens
 2:00pm // Tours
 5:00 pm // Tours return
 6:00pm // OPENING RECEPTION
 7:30 pm // Reception ends
 8:00 pm // Tours, evening activities,
 dinner on your own

WEDNESDAY, June 3rd

8:00am // Registration, refreshments
 9:00am // Welcome
 9:15am // Plenary Session 1
 11:00am // Break
 11:30am // Plenary Session 2
 1:00pm // Lunch (on your own)
 2:30pm // Breakout Session 1
 3:45pm // Break
 4:15pm // Breakout Session 2
 5:30pm // End

 7:00pm // Evening Plenary (open to the public)

THURSDAY, June 4th

8:00am // Registration, refreshments
 9:00am // Welcome
 9:15am // Plenary Session 3
 11:00am // Break
 11:30am // Plenary Session 4
 1:00pm // Lunch (on your own)
 2:30pm // Breakout Session 3
 3:45pm // Break
 4:15pm // Breakout Session 4
 5:30pm // End

 6:00pm // Reception and Awards Dinner
 (for ticketed guests)

FRIDAY, June 5th

8:00am // Registration, refreshments
 9:00am // Welcome
 9:15am // Breakout Session 5
 11:00am // Break
 11:30am // Breakout Session 6
 1:00pm // Lunch (on your own)
 2:30pm // Plenary Session 5
 3:45pm // Break
 4:15pm // Closing Plenary Session 6
 5:30pm // End

 6:00pm // Tours, evening activities,
 dinner on your own

SATURDAY, June 6th

9:00am // Farmers' Market
 11:30am // Tours, daytime activities
 5:30pm // End

 7:00pm // Closing party

Conference TOPICS

The 57th IMCL conference in Carmel will focus special attention on effective strategies and visionary design solutions to making our cities, and especially their suburban areas, healthy and livable for ALL – young and old, poor and well-to do, and those with health and mobility issues. Topics will include:

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57th International Making Cities Livable Conference

From Sprawl to Neighborhoods: Livable Cities (and Suburbs) for ALL

Carmel, Indiana (USA)

June 2-6, 2020

EARLY BIRD

\$645 by February 15

\$695 by April 15

Please note: additional discounts will be applied for speakers, non-profit organizations, Design Awards finalists, and students. See the registration page.

The conference fee for all participants includes a welcome reception and hors d'oeuvres on Tuesday, June 2; conference lunch on Wednesday, June 3; and participation in all sessions, social events and workshops.

REGULAR PRICE

\$745

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Speakers with accepted presentations should use the discount code we will provide in your acceptance letter. If you have questions or problems, please contact us at admin@livablecities.org!

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Thursday Dinner and
Awards Ceremony
\$98.50

Additional Guest for
Lunch (Wednesday)
\$36.50

Limited seating; additional tickets will be available on a first-come basis.

127 DAYS TO THE EVENT

57th International Making Cities Livable Conference

Jun 02, 1:00 PM | The Center for the Performing Arts

ABOUT US



The International Making Cities Livable (IMCL) was founded in 1985 by the late Dr. Henry L. Lennard, a renowned Viennese medical sociologist, and the late Dr. Suzanne C. Lennard, a prominent English architectural scholar. The Lennards were passionate about sharing the best evidence-based lessons of great cities and towns to improve quality of life for all. To do it, they brought together many of the world's most innovative and successful mayors, planners, economic development specialists, designers, developers, NGO officials, and researchers and scholars.

The mission of the IMCL has always been to raise awareness, through conferences and publications, of the effects of urban planning on livability, health and social well-being. Conferences have been held annually in the United States and Europe. They are unique in enabling city officials, architects, planners, developers, community leaders, behavioral and public health scientists, artists and others responsible for the livability of their cities to exchange experiences, ideas and expertise. The varied perspectives provide deeper understanding of the issues and generate creative solutions.

Following the passing of Suzanne Lennard in September 2019, we, the IMCL Board of Advisors, are honored to continue this tradition with the Suzanne C. and Henry L. Lennard Institute for Livable Cities, a public benefit corporation with charitable status under US 501(c)(3) rules. We are grateful to Mayor Jim Brainard, a member of the Board of Advisors, for his support in developing institutional resources for the continued mission of the Lennard Institute and the IMCL conference series. Dr. Michael Mehaffy, also a long-time member of the Board of Advisors and collaborator with Suzanne Lennard, serves as Executive Director.

The IMCL series will continue in its mission to bring together leading mayors like Sven von Ungern-Sternberg of Freiburg, Germany, Joe Riley of Charleston USA, and George Ferguson of Bristol UK and the Royal Institute of British Architects... acclaimed planners and designers like Jan Gehl of Copenhagen, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk of Miami, and Patrick Condon of Vancouver... world-renowned researchers like Dr. Richard J. Jackson of UCLA, Ellen Dunham-Jones of Georgia Tech, and Christopher Leinberger of George Washington University... global urban policy leaders like Laura Petrella of UN-Habitat... and many more.

Each IMCL gathering has focused on a host city offering important and timely lessons in livable and sustainable urban development. Past hosts have included Freiburg, Germany; Charleston, USA; Bristol, UK; Venice, Italy; Portland (OR) USA; and San Francisco, USA. Importantly, the IMCL conferences cover not just big cities but also small towns and suburbs, since such a large percentage of the world's inhabitants live in these areas, and many of the world's social, economic and environmental challenges occur there too.

In 1985, when these conferences began, there was no discussion at other planning or architectural conferences, or even at the League of Cities Conferences about making our cities more "livable". Only the IMCL Conferences focused attention on the importance of making cities livable for children first, the need for public transit, bicycle lanes, and traffic calmed streets, for human scale architecture and mixed use urban fabric, for reviving the city center and creating public places where people could gather for farmers markets, festivals, outdoor cafes and community social life.

By bringing together people of vision from all disciplines at the past IMCL Conferences, by presenting the best examples from Europe and North America, and by honoring cities and civic leaders for their achievements, we rejoice in the fact that these are now common goals for cities all across North America and Australia, as well as in Europe, and goals increasingly shared through growing collaboration with other places in the world as well.

Please visit the IMCL archives at livablecities.org/

VENUE

Join our 2020 conference in the beautiful [Palladium Center for the Performing Arts, in Carmel, Indiana, USA](#) (pictured in the photo above). This city, 180 miles southeast of Chicago and easily accessible by air, is an extraordinary showcase of transformation from a former sprawling suburb of Indianapolis to an increasingly diverse, walkable town of livable neighborhoods. We'll share effective tools and lessons from this and other successful transformations around the USA and internationally, with leading mayors, planners, designers, economic development experts, developers, researchers, NGO heads, and many others. And we'll study Carmel's lessons, with in-depth sessions, tours, and enjoyable evenings out to mix with other conference-goers!

A special invitation from Carmel mayor (and IMCL advisory board member) Jim Brainard



Dear conference attendees:

I'm excited to invite you to the City of Carmel this year for the 57th Annual International Making Cities Livable conference to see how we have created a vibrant city by transforming a car suburb into a more walkable community. At past Livable Cities conferences, I have learned from the best in the world about creating distinct mixed use, human scale areas to which people are drawn and in which they can thrive. As you walk or bike through our central core, you will see many of the principles in action at our new downtown City Center, the thriving Arts & Design District and Midtown.

At the Livable Cities conference in Carmel, you will have the opportunity to discuss a wide variety of strategies for cities whether large or small, whether urban or rural, designed to improve how your residents, businesses and visitors interact. Thought provoking discussions and great visuals help convey how to better plan public spaces, transportation patterns and other city design tools to help your city compete among the best.

This conference brings together a blend of academic leaders, elected officials, city planners and engineers from the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Egypt, Canada and across the United States. Attendees will have the unparalleled opportunity to hear from all corners of the globe and have projects critiqued during the competition segment of the conference.

The Livable Cities conference also allows plenty of time for attendees to discuss their ideas and current projects or issues with others and get helpful feedback. In addition, we'll make sure you get out and about to explore all that Central Indiana has to offer. We know that you will find the blend of our hospitality and culture a welcome surprise. I look forward to seeing you in June of 2020 in Carmel, Indiana.

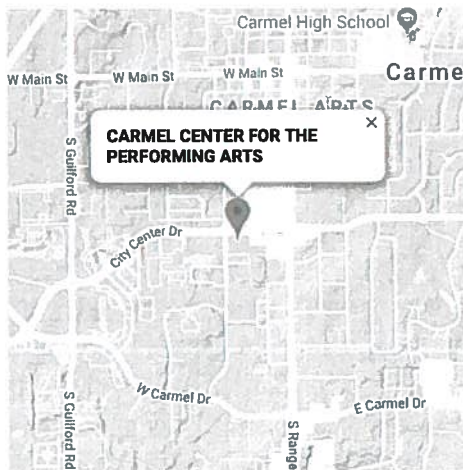
Very truly yours,

Jim Brainard

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Hotels in Carmel

Our main accommodation is the beautiful new Hotel Carmichael, located right next to our venue, the spectacular Palladium Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel's new civic district. Special rates will be available to IMCL participants (limited supply). You can learn more about Hotel Carmichael [here](#). Or feel free to email us for information at admin@livablecities.org.

To secure your discounted booking at Hotel Carmichael (after completing registration), contact Zach Tharp, Director of Sales, at +1 847-275-8297 or by emailing ztharp@hotelcarmichael.com.

Alternatively, IMCL also has rooms available at a discount at three other nearby Marriott hotels, the Fairfield Inn & Suites Carmel, the Residence Inn by Marriott, and the Springhill Suites by Marriott. These three hotels are located a short distance away from the Palladium (1.8 mi) and will be served by a daily shuttle bus to and from the venue. Special rates are available to conference participants; more information will be provided on registration, or by emailing admin@livablecities.org.

Arriving in Carmel by Air:

The Indianapolis International Airport, a major midwest hub (IND), is served by regular direct flights from all over the US as well as Canada, Mexico and Europe. The airport is located off I-70 just five minutes west of the I-465 loop and approximately 35 minutes from downtown Carmel. To reach Guest Services at IND call 317-487-7243 or stop by the Guest Services desk which is located in the main area of the airport (Civic Plaza), just beyond the Ticketing Hall.

Indianapolis International Airport
7800 Col. H. Weir Cook Memorial Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46241

Arriving in Carmel by Train:

Indianapolis is located on the [Amtrak Cardinal line](#) from Chicago to New York. Additional stops include Washington D.C., Cincinnati, Milwaukee and Minneapolis-St. Paul, offering scenic side trips before or after the IMCL conference. Enjoy the splendor of [Union Station](#), a fine Richardsonian Romanesque structure built in 1888. Carmel is 30 minutes by car from the station.

Amtrak Union Station
350 South Illinois Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225

Ground Transportation - Airport:

Car Rental

IND offers eight car rental options at the Ground Transportation Center, located on the first floor of the Terminal Garage. Off-airport car rental companies are also available.

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Taxi service is available at the curb on the lower level of the terminal just outside of Baggage Claim. There is a \$15 minimum charge for all fares from the airport, regardless of distance.

TAXI SERVICE

Uber & Lyft

Uber and Lyft services are available from the airport to your selected destination. When using these services for pick-up, exit the terminal to the Ground Transportation Center on the first floor of the Terminal Garage.

UBER & LYFT

Black Car Service

Shared ride and personal luxury limousine services are available in the Ground Transportation Center, located on the first floor of the garage as you exit the terminal.

BLACK CAR SERVICE

Private Car Service

Luxury Worldwide Transportation services provide turnkey transportation services including airport transfers.

<https://lwti.com>

Ground Transportation - Train Station

Union Station Indianapolis has a similar offering of taxi, Uber, Lyft, and bus options. There are car rental agencies in nearby downtown locations. For more information see the TrainWeb.org website.

Visitor Information

There are many additional activities in the immediate vicinity of Carmel, and in the central Indiana region. For example, [downtown Indianapolis](#) offers a wealth of sites, and just an hour south is the remarkable town of [Columbus, Indiana](#), site of [an impressive collection of 20th Century art and architecture](#). The spectacular historic towns of [French Lick](#) and [West Baden](#) are also just over two hours to the south. [South Bend and Notre Dame University](#) are also two hours to the north. For travel and tourism information in the Carmel area, check out the [Visit Hamilton County website](#), or the [page dedicated for information about the City of Carmel](#), especially for local visitor information.

Register Now!