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**FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA RELEASES NEW PUBLICATIONS:  
*CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO LAND USE* and *CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO URBAN  
DESIGN***

**Citizen's Guides to spur resident engagement in planning processes that impact underserved communities throughout the state**

**Baton Rouge, La.** – Foundation for Louisiana is pleased to announce the release of the *Citizen's Guide to Land Use* and *Citizen's Guide to Urban Design*.

Driven by a continued commitment to civic engagement that empowers communities to have a meaningful voice in decisions that affect their futures, Foundation for Louisiana produced these Guides to enhance equity in neighborhood, town and city planning and design processes by enabling residents to establish meaningful dialogue with planning practitioners.

Jeffery Hebert, recently appointed Executive Director of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, said, “A lot of us planners use coded language to the exclusion of the wider community. This tool really helps break that barrier down.”



Jeffery Hebert, Executive Director of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority speaks at the Guide Release.

Each Guide provides an introduction to concepts, processes and participation opportunities, and contains easy-to-follow diagrams as well as a glossary. The content was reviewed by residents, planners and community leaders who provided input to ensure that multiple perspectives are addressed in the Guides. With the assistance of the Guides, residents will be better equipped to influence the planning processes in their communities and contribute to equitable growth and a more inclusive future.

In his opening remarks at the release event, Flozell Daniels, Jr., Foundation for Louisiana President and CEO, said, “We believe in community wisdom and connecting the dots between what residents know will

work in their neighborhoods and the tools and strategies they need to realize solutions to the challenges they face.”



Jan. 31 -- Foundation for Louisiana President and CEO, Flozell Daniels, Jr., delivers opening remarks for the Citizen’s Guide Release at the Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center.

Nick Harris, Assistant Vice President of Community Development at Dillard University, speaking to the power of public-philanthropic-private partnerships, remarked that, “We all have the same purpose – to empower community.” On the importance of the Guides to residents, Mr. Harris said, “A lot of change is coming, and it is important to know what is going on in your community.”

The Citizen’s Guides were funded by Foundation for Louisiana’s Neighborhood Organizing and Planning Fund (NOPF), whose mission is to engage, inform, and empower citizens with the tools necessary to formulate policies, organize constituents and cultivate sustainable communities.

The Guides are free to the public and are available for download at [www.foundationforlouisiana.org](http://www.foundationforlouisiana.org)

*The mission of the Foundation for Louisiana is to invest in people and practices that work to reduce vulnerability and build stronger, more sustainable communities statewide.*

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