The Collision of Best Intentions:  
Public Health, Smart Growth and Land Use Planning

Wednesday, April 9, 2014  
1:00-3:30 PM  
Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles (Gold Room)  
506 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90071

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Our children and community residents need more exercise to reduce the epidemic of obesity in the U.S. Smart growth can help, by building high density housing near transit stops, more urban parks and more community gardens. Such efforts can reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases in the long run, if residents use their feet, their bikes and public transit instead of their cars.

But sometimes housing near a transit stop is also right next to a freeway. Or new parks are built, but they are adjacent to traffic pollution. Urban gardens may be created on contaminated soil. And new industrial facilities, like rail yards and warehouses, continue to be proposed in close proximity to homes and schools.

This community forum will tackle the public health dilemma of incompatible land use decisions, as well as how we can achieve physical activity and other health benefits from building transit-oriented development (TOD), more community gardens and urban parks – while also addressing potential public health impacts.

RSVP to CARLA TRUAX at ctruax@usc.edu or (323) 442-2745 by April 2nd with your name, organization, and email address

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