

2016 Fourth Annual CNU - California Paul Crawford Award
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On behalf of the Congress for the New Urbanism California Chapter, we wish to congratulate Mr. Neal Payton on being awarded our 2016 CNU - California Paul Crawford Award. We truly admire his dedication and results in making better places for the citizens of California. This award is intended to honor his work in Los Angeles and beyond and we look forward to what he will accomplish leading the New Urbanism into the 21st century.

Neal Payton is a pioneer in the efforts to reconnect once isolated and stigmatized public housing projects into communities of choice. He established and directed Torti Gallas and Partners Los Angeles office in 2005, and leads the firm's urban and architectural design efforts in the western United States and China. His outstanding results on Santa Monica's Downtown Specific Plan, and the New Wyvernwood, Boyle Heights Mixed-Use Community, a 2012 CNU-Charter award winner, are applauded. Before arriving in California, Mr. Payton led Urban Design efforts in the Washington, DC area and his projects have been honored nationally with multiple American Institute of Architects Honor Awards and Charter Awards from the Congress for the New Urbanism.

His leadership in Los Angeles has resulted in the enabling of Form-Based Codes, the building of needed infill housing projects, transit-oriented developments, revitalization of beautiful downtowns, and innovation in urban design techniques that build a more sustainable future. Plus, we appreciate his leadership on the New Urbanism Film Festival's Board of Directors. Mr. Payton was unanimously selected by the CNU - California board of directors due to his dedication, leadership and commitment to the principals outlined in the Charter for the New Urbanism and the promise that is California.

His selection follows our inaugural CNU California Paul Crawford Award winners, Stefanos Polyzoides and Elizabeth Moule (2013), Rick Cole (2014), and Jeffrey Tumlin (2015). Our CNU - California Chapter will present Mr. Payton his award on October 8th, 8:00 pm, during the New Urban Film Fest being held at the AMCE Theater in Hollywood, California, 135 N La Brea Avenue. We sincerely appreciate Mr. Payton's accomplishments.

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New Urbanism
California Chapter
is to provide
leadership and
advance best
practices for making
great walkable
places in California.*

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