We are a nonprofit organization that fosters innovation in local environmental sustainability, economic prosperity and social equity.
What we do...

The LGC helps transform communities through *inspiration*, *practical assistance* and a *network* of visionary local elected and community leaders.

How we do it...

- Workshops and Trainings
- Participatory Planning and Design Work
- Policy Development Assistance
- Tours of Model Projects
- Networking Events
- Conferences
LGC and Crime Prevention

- Addressed by LGC conferences/newsletters in 1990s
- Focus of discussion at first New Partners conferences (2001-2005)
- LGC prepared fact sheet/presentation for Fannie Mae in 2004
- Worked on guidance document with support from The California Endowment and California Dept. of Public Health in 2014
Guidebook Goals

- Outline how principles of crime prevention through community design can be integrated more significantly into land-use planning and development practice.
- Identify strategies that communities throughout California, small and large, rural and urban, can pursue to reduce crime and violence, and increase community safety.
Crime and Sustainable Development

- Important to include health and crime as part of foundation of a sustainable community
- Crime can have dramatic impact on success of communities by imposing economic, societal/emotional and environmental costs

Image Courtesy: Jeffrey Tumlin, Sustainable Transportation Planning
For a crime to take place …

Opportunity

Offender       Victim

Crime Triangle
Offenders ask themselves

- How easy is the area to enter?
- How visible, attractive or vulnerable do targets appear?
- What are the chances of being seen?
- If seen, will anyone do anything about it?
- Is there a direct and quick route to leave once crime is committed?
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

- A multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through the design of our communities. Focus on influencing offender decisions that precede criminal acts.
  - Natural Surveillance: “Eyes on the street, public places”
  - Natural Access Control: Guide people to entrances, decrease opportunity for crime
  - Territorial Reinforcement: Create sense of ownership over spaces; Public spaces distinguished from private
  - Maintenance: Disorder causes fear and can lead to decay
Safescape: Creating Safer, More Livable Communities through Planning and Design
4 Human Factors Principles – The basic elements that people need to feel safe and be safe.

3 Implementation Principles – Avenues through planning and design for realizing the human factors.

Courtesy: Al Zelinka, Safescape
Principle I: Information & Orientation

To feel safe and enhance our safety, we need to know where we are, where we are going, and what the rules are.

Courtesy: Al Zelinka, Safescape
Principle II: Interaction & Socialization

To enhance overall public safety, the public realm must provide opportunities for people to interact comfortably and build community.

Courtesy: Al Zelinka, Safescape
Principle III: Ownership & Stewardship

Private property and public space that is well maintained and allows individual expression, contributes to a positive image, a feeling of safety and a sense of community.

Courtesy: Al Zelinka, Safescape
Principle IV: Seeing & Being Seen

To feel safe, we need to know that others are aware of our presence. Likewise, it is important that we are aware of the people and activities going on around us.

Courtesy: Al Zelinka, Safescape
75% - 90%
“Eyes on the Street”
75% to 90%
“Eyes on the Street”
10% to 20%

“Eyes on the Street”
Dover Kohl & Partners
Photo Simulation by Urban Advantage
Fundamental Planning and Design Principles

- **4 Human Factors Principles** – The basic elements that people need to feel safe and be safe.

- **3 Implementation Principles** – Avenues through planning and design for realizing the human factors.

Courtesy: Al Zelinka, Safescape
Principle V: Land Use & Design

Land use mixes that are compatible, combined with human-centered design, create environments that are safer for people.

Courtesy: Al Zelinka, Safescape
Principle VI: Activity & Programming

We feel safer in the public realm – and are safer – when there is activity around us and that activity is orderly.

Courtesy: Al Zelinka, Safescape
Principle VII: Management & Maintenance

Spaces that are maintained and managed for their intended purpose and condition reinforce a feeling of safety and encourage people to use those spaces for productive reasons.

Courtesy: Al Zelinka, Safescape
Crime and Planning: Building Socially Sustainable Communities

- Smart Growth is about more than the environment and economy
- Sustainable community must be a safe place for all residents to live and work

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Thank You!

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