

Livability Needs Freedom!

Many American cities are stripping away people's property rights and reducing mobility in a misguided effort to increase something they call "livability." As America's largest city without zoning, Houston protects livability through personal freedom and local control. Houston also emphasizes mobility with an amazing highway network that has 66 percent more freeway lane miles per capita than the average U.S. urban area.

If you have ever been curious about whether freedom and mobility can make a city more livable, come to the *Preserving the American Dream* conference to find out. Attend workshops on such varied subjects as:

- **Rebuilding New Orleans**
- **Global warming**
- **The Texas Mobility Plan**
- **Private neighborhoods**
- **Honing activist skills**

Hear from experts on land-use and transportation issues, including such authors as:

- **Bob Nelson**, *Privatizing the Neighborhood*
- **Rémy Prud'homme**, *Transport, Mobility, and Growth*
- **Steven Greenhut**, *Abuse of Power: How the Government Misuses Eminent Domain*
- **Wendell Cox**, *War on the Dream*
- **Randal O'Toole**, *The Best-Laid Plans*
- and dozens more!

Location

The conference will be held at the Omni Hotel near Houston's famous Galleria District. For reservations, call 1-800-843-6664 and ask for the special Preserving the American Dream conference rate of \$99 per night.

What Others Say

Attending the Preserving the American Dream conference provided me and my association many tools and helped us have our most successful legislative year to date. Mark Nix,
South Carolina Home Builders Association

As an elected official, I appreciate having the resources that come with American Dream Coalition membership. The access to experts and what I learn at the annual conference has definitely helped me represent my district better. Eileen Bruskwitz,
Dane County Supervisor, Wisconsin

One of the four best conferences I've ever attended. John Fund
Wall Street Journal

What You Gain by Attending

- Learn the latest research about problems with "smart growth" and better ways of managing urban areas
- Meet international experts and activists who are fighting regulation and pork barrel boondoggles all over the world
- Find out for yourself whether Houston has maintained its livability without zoning and with many new freeways

Conference Cosponsors

The Preserving the American Dream conference is co-sponsored by the American Dream Coalition, Cato Institute, Heritage Foundation, Reason Foundation, and a variety of other organizations. For a complete and up-to-date list of co-sponsors, please see americandreamcoalition.org.

Protecting Freedom & Mobility



Photo by Bob Rosenberg

The Sixth Annual
Preserving the American Dream Conference
in Houston
An American Dream City
May 16-18, 2008

Tour of Houston

Just how livable is Houston? How do neighborhoods retain their character without zoning? How can housing remain affordable in a region that is growing by more than 130,000 people a year? How have freeways and tollways influenced mobility? What has the light-rail line done for the region's transit system?

Learn the answers to these questions and more during the optional tour of Houston on May 16. The tour will look at some of Houston's privately planned neighborhoods and show how homeowners solve problems that normally involve city zoning boards and planning commissions. This has allowed Houston to remain America's most affordable major city.

The tour will also look at Houston's transportation network, including its freeways, tollways, bus lanes, and downtown light-rail line. Houston's aggressive highway construction has kept the region's congestion in check. Its light-rail line, however, is known as the "wham-bam tram" for being involved in more than one hundred accidents since it opened.

The tour bus will depart the hotel promptly at 8:30 am and will return at 4:30 pm. The tour price includes lunch.



"Houston shows how land use can work without zoning."

Professor Bernard Siegen



This photo of the master planned community of Sienna in suburban Houston was taken by Sienna resident Adriana Rapolla.

Partial Agenda

Friday, May 16

8:00 am–4:00 pm: Tour of Houston

5:00 pm–7:00 pm: Reception & dinner

7:00 pm–9:00 pm: **Houston's Land-Use & Transport Plans** with *Peter Brown, David Crossley, Kendall Miller, & Paul Magaziner*

Saturday, May 17

8:00 am–Noon: **Restoring America's Mobility** featuring *Sam Staley, Rémy Prud'homme, Michael Stevens, Leonard Gilroy, Randal O'Toole, and other transportation experts*

Noon–1:30 pm: Lunch & keynote speech

1:30 pm–5:30 pm: **Deregulating Land Use** featuring *Robert Nelson, Wendell Cox, Steven Greenhut, Mai Nguyen, Timothy Sandefur, and other land-use experts*

6:00–9:00 pm: Reception and banquet

Sunday, May 18

8:00 am–Noon: **Honing grassroots organizing skills**

Noon–1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm–3:00 pm: Fifth annual meeting of the American Dream Coalition

See americandreamcoalition.org for latest agenda

Registration

- Please reserve a place for me at the 2008 Preserving the American Dream conference. I would like to register at the
 - standard rate (\$249)
 - low-income/student rate (\$175)
 - late fee (received after May 11) (\$25)
- May 16 optional tour and lunch (\$25).
- I would like to join/renew the American Dream Coalition as a sustaining (\$1,000) group (\$250) associate (\$100) individual (\$25) member. I would also like to contribute \$_____.
- Enclosed is \$_____ (please make checks payable to American Dream Coalition).
- I will pay by PayPal to american@americandreamcoalition.org.

Please use the on-line registration form to register for part of the conference at pro-rated rates.

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Organization _____

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Meal preferences _____

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