

Education

M.A. Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 1992
B.A. Landscape Architecture, *Magna cum Laude*, University of California, Berkeley, 1990

Professional Affiliations

National Charrette Institute trained
Congress for the New Urbanism, CNU 22 Host Committee Chair (2012)
Association of Environmental Professionals, Member

Professional Experience

Referred to as “[A]cclaimed CNU facilitator” by the editors of New Urban News, Ms. Hall has brought divided communities to consensus visions for over 10 years.

In 2007, after 10 years as principal with Fisher & Hall Urban Design and more than 15 years in the profession practicing and facilitating smart growth codes and communities processes, Laura Hall co-founded the San Francisco-based Hall Alminana Inc., a consulting firm dedicated to providing participatory planning, coding and design services for neighborhoods, cities and regions. She is also the Director of the Smart Growth School.

In 2004, she facilitated the community process for the Central Petaluma SmartCode, which resulted in one of the first adopted form-based SmartCodes in the U.S. She also facilitated the rebuilding and renewal efforts for the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina nearly destroyed it, which resulted in a groundbreaking citywide SmartCode.

Recent presentations

“How to make Form-Based Codes the rule rather than the exception,” New Partners for Smart Growth conference,” Seattle, January 2010.

“The Many Varieties of Form Based Codes,” APA National Planning Conference, Minneapolis, April 2009.

“What Type of Form-Based Code is Right for Your City?,” New Partners for Smart Growth conference,” Albuquerque, January 2009.

“Access, Urbanism and the Future of Cities,” facilitator, Congress for the New Urbanism, Philadelphia, May 2007.

“Shaping California Cities with Form-Based Codes,” League of California Cities, Sacramento, September 2007.

Publications & Film

Contributing editor, *Smart Code and Manual* (New Urban Publications)

One of the interviewed leaders in *CNU Now: A Portrait of New Urbanism* (Ben Chace, filmmaker, 2007)

Legislation

California Assembly Bill 1268, adopted in July 2004, institutionalizes form-based zoning for the first time in California history by placing it into the State statutes that regulate how California develops. Ms. Hall led a group of practitioners who worked with the State Office of Planning & Research, prepared the Assembly Bill language, and worked with elected leaders to get the Bill introduced to the legislature.