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**Subject:** Planetizen Op-Ed on AICP Certification Maintenance--Please read

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing you as a former National President of the American Planning Association (APA) and a former Commissioner of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) to alert you to an op-ed piece on the AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) program that has been published on the Planetizen website. Its authors are Arthur C. Nelson, FAICP, of Virginia Tech, Leonardo Vazquez, AICP/PP of Rutgers, Jennifer Evans-Cowley, AICP, of Ohio State University, and Chris Steins, of Planetizen. It characterizes the administration of the CM program as "*predatory, confiscatory, unfair and inequitable*" and explains why, and goes on to propose a series of improvements to it.

I hope you will spend time reading and thinking about this thoughtful piece. I ask you, as APA Chapter officials and Division chairs, to place a discussion of this article on your agendas at the APA National Planning Conference in Las Vegas, and to consider taking action on its intelligent proposals. I would also ask you to distribute this email to your members so that the discussions about CM can be a broad and inclusive as possible and may lead to needed change.

You may view the op-ed piece at the following link: <http://www.planetizen.com/node/29996>

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