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The Trinity Trust, The Dallas Institute and the CityDesign Studio to Host “21st Century City” Conference on November 12

Dallas, Texas (October 14, 2010) – [The Trinity Trust](#), [The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture/The Center for the City](#), and the [Dallas CityDesign Studio/The City of Dallas](#) are co-presenting the **21st Century City Conference** to address the enormous shift taking place in planning, building and living in cities. Leading experts, urban planners and innovative leaders will address participants at Dallas City Hall’s Council Chambers, 1500 Marilla St., Dallas, on Friday, November 12, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The conference is open to the public and includes lunch and a post reception at The Dallas Institute. General registration is \$75; registration for members of presenting, sponsoring or underwriting organizations is \$60; teachers and students may register for \$25. For more information and registration, visit www.21stcenturycity.com.

Dr. Gail Thomas, president and CEO of The Trinity Trust, said, “These speakers are recognized experts in the field and will share a wealth of ideas and examples of how Dallas can become a model 21st century city, one that other cities will seek to emulate.”

The lineup includes the following:

[Joel Kotkin](#) will speak about “**American Cities in 2050.**” He is a distinguished Presidential Fellow in Urban Futures at Chapman University in Orange, CA, an adjunct fellow with the Legatum Institute in London, and author of *The Next 100 Million: America in 2050*. He identifies Dallas as one of five U.S. “cities of aspiration” that will play a major role in the U.S. resurgence.

Kotkin said, “Dallas is a multi-polar metropolis which has demographic dynamism and a good business climate. In an era where job growth is the most critical issue, Dallas has critical advantages and could show the ways in which a modern metropolis can also be both a pleasant place to live in and also meet the aspirational mission of cities.”

[Rutherford H. Platt](#), Ph.D., Professor of Geography Emeritus, University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Editor, *The Humane Metropolis: People and Nature in the 21st Century City*, will talk about “**A More Humane City.**”

[Peter Harnik](#), Director, Center for City Park Excellence at the Trust for Public Land and author of *Urban Green: Innovative Parks for Resurgent Cities*, will discuss “**Rebirth of the City Park.**”

[Larry Beasley](#), C.M., F.C.I.P., former City Planner for Vancouver; current Special Advisor on Urban Planning to the City of Dallas, Dallas CityDesign Studio, will discuss “**Experiencing the Soul of the City.**”

Ignacio Bunster-Ossa, FASLA, LEED AP, Landscape Architect and Urban Designer with [Wallace Roberts and Todd](#), Design Consultant for Dallas’ Trinity River Lakes project, will talk about “**Nature and Our Public Health.**”

A panel discussion on “The Role of Art and Culture:”

Margie Johnson Reese, Principal Consultant, MJR Partners – Arts Management Services; former Director of the Office of Cultural Affairs for the City of Dallas

Veletta Forsythe Lill, Executive Director, [Dallas Arts District](#); former Dallas City Councilmember

Zenetta S. Drew, Executive Director, [Dallas Black Dance Theatre](#)

Clara Borja Hinojosa, Founding Director, [The Mexico Institute](#)

Additional speakers:

Tom Leppert, Mayor, City of Dallas

Mary Suhm, City Manager, City of Dallas

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager, City of Dallas

Gail Thomas, Ph.D., President and CEO, The Trinity Trust Foundation

Larry Allums, Ph.D., Executive Director, The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture;

Brent Brown, Director, Dallas CityDesign Studio

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For more information and registration, visit www.21stcenturycity.com. Those having questions may contact Janie Bush at The Trinity Trust at Janie@thetrinitytrust.org or 214.269.5683.

About The Trinity Trust and The Trinity Center:

The Trinity Trust raises private funds to implement the Balanced Vision Plan for the Trinity River Corridor in conjunction with the City of Dallas. The Trinity Trust has established The Trinity Center as the gathering place for all civic and non-profit groups working to revitalize the Trinity River in Dallas. It houses the offices of The Trinity Trust Foundation, Texas Horse Park, Groundwork Dallas and Trinity Strand Trail and hosts

meetings, workshops and events. The Trinity Center facilitates collaboration between these entities and the City of Dallas and encourages seamless integration of all the components of the Trinity River Project. More information can be found by calling 214.740.1616, by emailing info@thetrinitytrust.org, or by visiting www.thetrinitytrust.org.

About The Dallas Institute:

The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture is a nonprofit educational organization whose purpose is to enrich and deepen the practical life of the city with the wisdom and imagination of the humanities. The Dallas Institute accomplishes its purpose through programs for school teachers and principals, general courses of study, public and professional seminars, publications, conferences, and civic involvement. Dr. Gail Thomas was the Institute Director from its beginning until 1997. She continues her work as founder and director of the Institute's Center for the City. In 1997, Dr. Larry Allums succeeded Dr. Thomas as Director of the Institute. Under his leadership, the Institute continues into its third decade with a strong commitment to continue offering the vision of the humanities to all areas of urban life. More information can be found by visiting www.dallasinstitute.org or by calling 214.871.2440.

About Dallas CityDesign Studio:

The Dallas CityDesign Studio was formed in October of 2009 through a grant to the City from The Trinity Trust Foundation, funded by a generous gift from Deedie and Rusty Rose, to focus on neighborhoods and development along the Trinity. The grant represents a partnership between the City and The Trinity Trust to share in the CityDesign Studio's operation cost through 2014. Larry Beasley serves as Urban Design Special Advisor to the CityDesign Studio.

Housed within City Hall, the CityDesign Studio blends together the broader design community and the City of Dallas. The purpose of the Dallas CityDesign Studio is to elevate the design consciousness and culture of Dallas, while working to balance social, economic, environmental, and design sustainability towards enhancing livability for all Dallas residents. More information can be found at http://www.dallascityhall.com/citydesign_studio/index.html.

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