



HOUSTON PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Presents

"Houston Grows Up"

by

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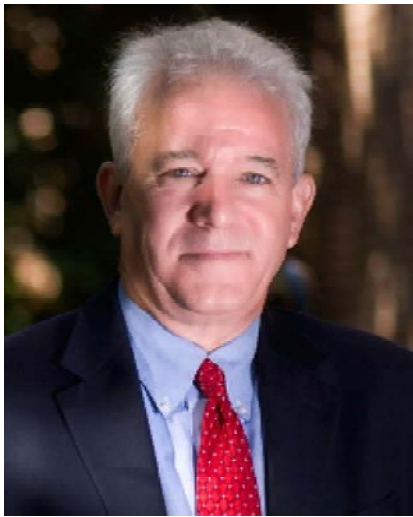
ABSTRACT

Throughout the 20th Century, Houston succeeded as a city, in large part, by not being a conventional city. It was sprawling, low-density, auto-oriented business-oriented, and lightly regulated. Public investment tended to focus on business needs, not on neighborhoods and quality of life.

Houston in the 21st Century is much different. It is among the most ethnically diverse cities in the country. It is increasingly crowded and traffic congestion is growing fast. The economy is diversifying, but competition for young talent is growing among cities all over the country and the world. Houston can no longer take it for granted that smart young people will move here to get a job.

In short, Houston in the 21st Century is becoming a different – and far more urban – place than it has ever been before. In order to make this transition successfully, Houston will have to confront – and successfully overcome – challenges the city and its people have never faced before.

SPEAKER'S BIO



William Fulton is Director of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University [kinder.rice.edu]. He is a former Mayor of Ventura, California, and Director of Planning & Economic Development for the City of San Diego. In his career, Mr. Fulton has also served as Vice President for Policy at Smart Growth America, Principal in the California-based urban planning firm now known as PlaceWorks, and Senior Fellow at the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. He is the founding editor and publisher of California Planning & Development Report [www.cp-dr.com] and author of five books, including Guide to

California Planning, the standard urban planning textbook in California, and The Reluctant Metropolis: The Politics of Urban Growth in Los Angeles, which was an L.A. Times best-seller. He holds master's degrees in mass communication from The American University and urban planning from UCLA.

RESERVATION & COST INFORMATION

Cocktail Reception, Dinner & Lecture
15 October, 2015 / 6pm - 9pm
Cohen House, Rice University

Dinner Meeting \$40 per person

**Please remember to pay your dues
\$85 per year**

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Thank you.

**Sara Lowman
President
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