



CHARLOTTE 2.0

The start of something new

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I mean this both in the sense of a new live monthly podcast we're producing, and the subject this podcast addresses: *what is next for the city of Charlotte?*

We have a slant, naturally. Where other city initiatives focus on infrastructure, development, arts & culture, etc., we're focused on technology and startup business — specifically, how to stand out in the banking industry's shadow, and how to create a more economically and intellectually diverse and sustainable city moving forward.

Which of course isn't to say we won't dip our toes in other areas as well. But this is where we are, and this is where we're going.

Philip Dodds (@philipdodds) is spearheading this podcast, and we at CLT Blog are hosting and producing it. Special thanks to Carlos Espin at Area 15 (@areafifteen) for his continual support of this and other community-centric initiatives.

This timed perfectly with the launch of Josha Lippiner's [Charlotte 2.0 initiative](#), from which we borrow a tentative title and share a common goal.

In our first episode, guests are as follows (left to right):

- Joshua Lippiner, [Charlotte 2.0](#) & [Noctivity](#) (@jlippiner)
- Warren Cooksey, [District 7 City Council rep](#) (@wcooksey)
- Desiree Kane, [CLT Blog](#) (@dbirdy)
- Jeff Elder, formerly Charlotte Observer, [now solo](#) (@jeffelder)
- Chris Beck, [Netphase](#) (@christopherbeck)
- Scott Nedderman, [Netphase](#) (@scottned)
- Philip Dodds, [The Cloud Market](#) (@philipdodds)

We'll announce our next podcast soon, scheduled for early January. If you'd like to be a guest on a future episode, please let us know. And guests in the audience are always welcome at Area 15, which is where we'll be taping these episodes for the time being.

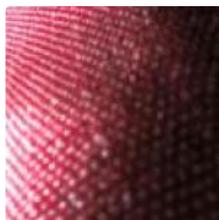
As with everything we do, expect improvements in quality and composition as we learn from feedback and our experience.

Please let us know your thoughts! How can we make this conversation about the future of Charlotte more accessible?

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14 Dec 2009 at 12:38 PM

Proposal for a future panel on media:

Niche biz news and pro live tweeting: Susan Stabley, [@CBJGreennews](#), Charlotte Business Journal

Nonprofit and small biz: Crystal Dempsey and/or Katey Dietz

Community and freelance from legacy media background (reinventors): Me (yes, self serving, or stepping up, depending on how you view it.)

Mags: Rick Thurmond of Charlotte magazine, or Sarah Crosland, [@sarahwrites](#).

Legacy media and urbanism: Mary Newsom of The Charlotte Observer.

Hispanic media: ??? Rogelio Aranda, [@romustgo](#), or someone he recommends.

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Jim Van Fleet

14 Dec 2009 at 8:23 PM

I mentioned it to Philip after the podcast, but I'd love to take part in this series. And I live just up the road, so I'm available on short notice. 😊

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