

### Belonging

To feel accepted and comfortable in a setting despite age, gender, race, sexuality, or income

### Empathy

Exercising the ability to recognize and understand the feeling and point of view of another

### Inclusion

The acceptance of difference and the intention to involve diverse opinions, attitudes, and behaviors

### Reconciliation

The process of finding a way to make two different ideas, facts, or points of view coexist or be true at the same time

### Respect

A mutually earned and shared honoring of different voices, opinions, behaviors, and cultural expressions

### Tolerance

The acceptance of difference

### Trust

To promote a confidence earned through the demonstration of fulfilling commitments and promises made among people and institutions

### Creative Innovation

Nurturing ingenuity in problem solving and intervention

### Delight

Creating places, spaces, and processes that promote happiness and joy

### Happiness

A state of well being that brings about joy, contentment, or ease

### Hope

The possibility of fulfillment of a desire, aspiration, outcome, or happiness

### Inspiration

The result of creative thinking and collaboration that has the potential to produce new and innovative outcomes

### Diversity

An intentional state of mixed people, institutions, and cultural norms

### Spontaneity

The potential to allow for the unplanned, where individuals or groups can freely self-create processes, interventions, or activities

### Conflict

The acceptance of disagreement or opposition in pursuit of necessary change or improvement

### Debate

Accepting and providing forums for the discussion of different voices and points of view in order to achieve greater inclusion in processes and decision-making

### Protest

The act of objection or disapproval in the form of public demonstration

### Voice

Allowing the articulation of different points of view and cultural norms to help shape decision-making

### Community

A group of individuals or collective groups having shared or common interests

### Cooperation

The process by which individuals or collective groups work together to do something

### Participation

The active engagement of individuals and community members in matters, both formal and informal, affecting social and spatial well-being

### Togetherness

A sense of solidarity within and across populations

### Equality

The provision of equal or equivalent distribution, status, rights, power, and amenity

### Equity

The distribution of material and non-material goods in a manner that brings the greatest benefit required to any particular community

### Merit

A good quality, feature, process, or outcome that deserves to be praised and assigned worth or value

### Transparency

The openness of process, rules, rights, and procedures through the sharing of knowledge and information

### Authenticity

The recognition of physical and social characteristics that are genuine to a particular place or culture and promote this recognition within communities

### Beauty

Everyone's right to well-made, well-designed environments

### Character

Features or attributes used to separate distinguishable qualities of place

### Pride

A respect and admiration arising from feeling good and confident about some act, space, place, or relationship

### Spirituality

The presence of places and attitudes that support religious expression, practice, and beliefs

### Vitality

An energetic, integrated community with opportunities for and support of cultural, civic, and economic involvement

### Access

The convenient proximity to, quality of, or connectivity to basic needs, amenities, choices, and decisions

### Connectivity

The physical and social networks that tie places and people together, providing contact and opportunity necessary for social well-being

### Accountability

The acceptance of responsibility by individuals or collective groups to contribute to the creation and maintenance of just conditions for all

### Agency

Enabling the confidence, rights, and status of individuals or groups to act on behalf of their own interests

### Empowerment

To give formal authority or power to a person or collective group by promoting action or influence

### Representation

A balance of a community's desires, representative of its diversity, are present in the decision making process

### Adaptability

The ability to change or be changed in order to fit or work better in some situation or for some purpose

### Durability

The ability of all social and spatial systems to remain strong and in good condition over a long period of time

### Sustainability

The quality of not being harmful to the social or spatial well-being or depleting resources, and thereby supporting long-term social and spatial balance

### Freedom

The ability to act or speak freely without threat of external restriction

### Knowledge

The ability to gain information or awareness through education and/or experience

### Ownership

The ability to have a stake in the property, process, outcome, and other assets

### Healthiness

A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being that supports the absence of disease or infirmity

### Prosperity

The condition of being successful or thriving in terms of social, economic, civic, cultural, and health indicators

### Protection

The state of being kept from harm or loss in social or spatial conditions

### Safety

An environment that minimizes physical and emotional vulnerability and threats to well-being

### Security

Social and spatial conditions that support the freedom from danger, exclusion, and harm

ACCEPTANCE

ASPIRATION

CHOICE

DEMOCRACY

ENGAGEMENT

FAIRNESS

IDENTITY

MOBILITY

POWER

RESILIENCE

RIGHTS

WELFARE

# THE JUST CITY INDEX

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# VALUES INDICATORS

*Would we design better places if we put the values of equality, inclusion or equity first? If a community articulated what it stood for, what it believed in, what it aspired to be - as a city, as a neighborhood - would it have a better chance of creating and sustaining a more healthy, vibrant place with positive economic, health, civic, cultural and environmental conditions? Imagine that the issues of race, income, education and unemployment inequality, and the resulting segregation, isolation and fear, could be addressed by planning and designing for greater access, agency, ownership, beauty, diversity or empowerment. Now imagine the Just City - the cities, neighborhoods and public spaces that thrive using a value-based aspiration for urban stabilization, revitalization and transformation. Imagine the Just City.*

The Just City Lab investigates the definition of urban justice and the Just City, and it examines how design and planning contribute to the conditions of justice and injustice in cities, neighborhoods and the public realm. The Lab has been developing and testing a set of core principles, values and metrics to assess and evaluate design's role in achieving urban justice. The Lab also researches design practices that exemplify the achievement of the Just City and its values.

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