

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The *Agora Journal of Urban Planning and Design* enters its next decade stronger than ever. The Journal's first decade built the foundation for a "gathering place" of new ideas on planning and urbanism. Agora 11 continues the Journal's progression. This year we expanded our call for submissions to all University of Michigan students, which resulted in a record number of submissions. We enhanced the quality of the Journal—with the help of our renowned urban planning faculty and doctoral students—by implementing our first-ever peer review process. These efforts culminated in the diverse selection of thought-provoking pieces published in this volume.

Agora 11's theme, "Perspective," recognizes that cities are constantly evolving ecosystems, and each of us sees them through different eyes. The pieces in this volume represent a variety of perspectives on the urban experience, the issues that urban inhabitants face, and creative ways to reconceptualize cities for the shared benefit of all who inhabit them. Not only is this the first volume of Agora's second decade, it is also the first volume published since the new American president's inauguration. Pieces in this volume cover topics such as residential integration, climate adaptation, public space, returning offenders, and the future of infrastructure, all of which are being challenged by the new administration's urban perspective. In this trying time for planning, urban policy and cities as a whole, public dialogue on topics such as these is more important than ever.

I would like to thank our authors, photographers, current and past staff, peer reviewers, benefactors, faculty advisors, and you, the reader. Thanks to each of you, Agora remains a "gathering place" for urban perspectives.

Happy reading,

Taylor LaFave

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