



AIA Santa Barbara

Presents a Design Charrette for State Street

Making State Street Work!

Next month on **Saturday, October 21**, all day, at the Louise Lowry Davis Center at 1232 De La Vina, AIA Santa Barbara will conduct a Design Charrette called *Making State Street Work*.

The *Making State Street Work* Charrette will brainstorm fundamental changes to State Street to adjust to global shifts in retail and our vacant storefronts. The City recognizes that there may be benefits to allowing significant residential development in the State Street Corridor between Anacapa and Chapala from Gutierrez to Sola.

The City has reached out to urge AIASB to help our community envision possibilities for dynamic working solutions that include re-purposing vacant retail spaces to adapt to a rapidly changing environment, adding housing opportunities, creating interconnected paseos and visionary ideas that will boldly address the needs of our community well into the foreseeable future.

The *Making State Street Work* Charrette is about thinking different, big and bold - to get lots of ideas in true Charrette fashion. Teams will be created and each given a 4 block area to study and redesign for a more vibrant, economically vital and sustainable future for our downtown. All the ideas generated will ultimately be presented to City Council for consideration to help in planning for exciting and positive change.

AIASB invites Santa Barbara's architects, landscape architects, planners, contractors, developers, real estate Professionals and State Street property owners to participate in this one day event. The Charrette will be open to the public to observe the process and work.

To get a sense of what a design charrette is please click on (or copy and paste) the following link to a short video showing a previous Santa Barbara design charrette:
<https://youtu.be/Qmetdl3CVsY>

We urge your participation!

For Sponsorship Opportunities Please Contact:

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We will be seeking sponsorships from the following organizations:

City of Santa Barbara, Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara, American Planning Association, Santa Barbara Contractor's Association, Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, The Downtown Organization, Santa Barbara's Business Community, Real Estate organizations, and other stakeholders.