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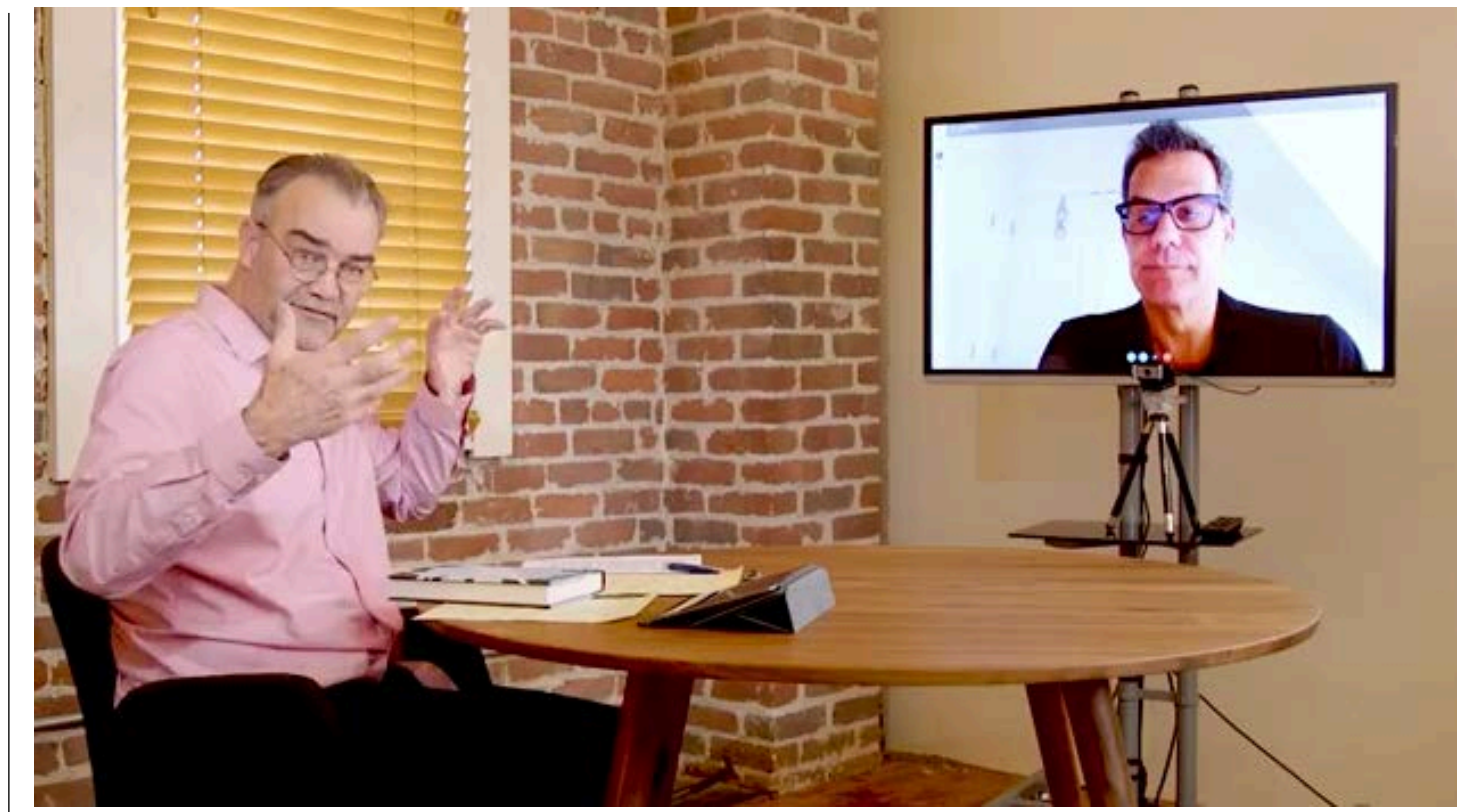
“Urbanism for All”—Achieving a More Inclusive Prosperity through Cities

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Richard Florida, City Lab Co-Founder and editor at large, sees the contemporary American city as a battleground for class conflict, and believes that the solution is more urbanism—specifically, what Florida terms “urbanism for all.” Florida’s recently published book, *The New Urban Crisis*, reexamines many of the ideas laid out in his bestselling 2002 book, *The Rise of the Creative Class*. According to Florida, the old urban crisis was based around the city center. As jobs and people moved to the suburbs, Florida says, the hole essentially fell out of the donut. The new urban crisis is one of inequality, and one that’s partly caused by success. “If the old urban

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