

Take part in planning Charlotte's future



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Plus, learn about ways to strengthen digital inclusion and community engagement.

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Hi Stephen,

It's an exciting time for Charlotte.

At Knight, we continue to support individuals and organizations that are building a more informed and engaged Queen City. Here's a look at what local grantees are up to, and opportunities to get involved in creating a more equitable and inclusive community.

Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan

The City of Charlotte will host a virtual planning community conversation today from noon to 1:30 p.m. to discuss the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Residents are encouraged to ask questions and directly contribute to the plan. [Register here.](#)

You can also take a digital tour of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan via a virtual open house [here.](#)

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Master Planning

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is currently in the process of developing its 2021 facilities master plan, which will help guide development and resource allocation for the next 10 to 15 years. We're reaching out to local leaders to assist in our engagement efforts to better understand the impact that libraries have on our communities. Please consider taking the 2021 Facility Planning Community Input survey. [Click here](#) for the version in English and [here](#) for the version in Spanish.

Gantt Center's "Unmasked" spotlights the power of the arts

How has art helped connect Charlotteans with each other in difficult times? The Harvey B. Gantt Center is hosting a special edition of their "Unmasked" program, featuring the artists, curators and city planners involved in creating the Black Lives Matter street mural in South Tryon Street. Moderated by media personality Ohavia Phillips and City of Charlotte managing designer Monica Holmes, the virtual conversation will also center around the local and national impact of the Gantt's [Lift Every Voice](#) exhibition, which showcased installations, photos and videos about the mural's creation and its role in the community. [Stream the conversation](#) live on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

Digital Charlotte's P.O.W.E.R Program

[Digital Charlotte](#) recently announced the virtual launch of its P.O.W.E.R Program. Consisting of four modules on topics from digital law and safety to cyberbullying, the program aims to strengthen digital literacy skills among parents in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Learn more on how to participate in the initiative [here.](#)

On-demand content

In the past weeks, I've had the opportunity to participate in several panels and conversations about effective ways to empower communities. Take a look below for recorded versions of the discussions.

- Tech Rising's 2021 Digital Inclusion Summit [panel on how the lack of digital access](#)

[impacts our communities](#)

- Capital Analytics "Invest Insights" episode about Knight's [support for local arts and entrepreneurship](#)
- Knight Media Forum 2021 breakout session: [Building community engagement that powers journalism](#)

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Stay safe everyone,

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