



# McKenna Welcomes Paul Urbiel as Senior Principal Planner

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## Urban Planning Expert Joins McKenna's Detroit Office Team



NORTHVILLE, Mich. (Sept. 25, 2020) – McKenna – a community planning, design and building services firm, headquartered in Northville, Mich., with offices in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo – is pleased to announce the addition of Paul Urbiel to its team as senior principal planner.

In his new role, Urbiel, who specializes in equitable and sustainable urban development and design, as well as neighborhood and land use planning, will be responsible for ongoing planning and zoning services to the Cities of Fraser, Grosse Pointe Farms and Harper Woods. He also will lead future community-wide and neighborhood-based master planning projects in metro Detroit and beyond.

Prior to McKenna, Urbiel spent 14 years as an urban planner with the Detroit office of Gensler, a global architecture, design and planning firm. He began his career as a project planner with the Downtown Detroit Partnership.

"I am thrilled to announce Paul's hiring and know that his expertise in urban design, commitment to resident-led change and passion for process excellence will serve our clients well," said John Jackson, president of McKenna. "We can't wait to embed Paul within our planning and design project teams, which will certainly benefit from his global experience."

Urbiel, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, will join McKenna's Detroit office, which was opened in 2018 and manages Detroit and eastside projects, including a recent inaugural joint planning effort along the Mack Avenue corridor by the Cities of Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park, along with the Eastside Community Network and SEMCOG.

A native Detroiter, born and raised on the city's west side, and a current resident of Royal Oak, Mich., Urbiel earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture and a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. He is a graduate of Leadership Detroit Class 30.

"I am excited to join a team whose values I share, and that leads meaningful, positive change in our communities daily," said Urbiel. "I'm eager to engage our clients and build on the firm's significant legacy of community building."

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