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You can be a part of the creation of strong, diverse neighborhoods at a meeting being held on July 22 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Steve Smith, president of [The Model Group](#), will share the ways that his company is working to create an integrated and stable Over-the-Rhine by developing a mix of market-rate and affordable housing.

"I'll be sharing my experiences with working in a neighborhood in transition, from one that's at-risk to one that's more diverse, not only in population but economically," he says.

Smith says that the conversation will focus on the core areas of blight removal, clean and safe, and sustainable development.

Following Smith's presentation, attendees will be engaged to develop additional solutions that they can take back and apply to their own cities, villages and neighborhoods.

"I would encourage anyone who has an interest in Over-the-Rhine's continued revival to come, or people from other Cincinnati neighborhoods in an economic downturn," Smith says. "This could include community leaders, homeowners, residents of those neighborhoods, or people possibly looking to buy in those neighborhoods."

If purchased by July 18, registration is \$10 and can be purchased at the [Citizens for Civic Renewal website](#).

Admission is \$15 at the door.

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