The Tripping Point: The Valley Edition - An advocacy summit for smooth sidewalks, streets, trees, bus shelters, benches, stormwater capture, curb ramps, and crosswalks in the City of Los Angeles.

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Investing in Place and its partners will host an advocacy training summit called Tripping Point: The Valley Edition on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 9:30am - 2pm. The first Tripping Point was hosted this past Spring and was conceived by a coalition of advocacy groups to demonstrate the vast constituency in sidewalks. The summit is designed to teach Los Angeles residents how they can advocate for accessible, green, and safe sidewalks, crosswalks, and streets in their city.

Councilmember Nury Martinez, Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Seleta Reynolds were keynotes and over 150 City of Los Angeles community members attended.

It is estimated that over 45% of the City of LA’s sidewalks and crosswalks are in disrepair. The City of LA has not had a comprehensive program to fix the city’s sidewalks and crosswalks since the 1970s. A recent class action lawsuit that sought to ensure better access to the city’s pedestrian infrastructure for persons with mobility disabilities resulted in a $1.4 billion settlement by the City of Los Angeles, the largest such settlement in U.S. history. This lawsuit has secured the leadership and funding commitments necessary to finally jumpstart efforts to fix LA’s sidewalks.

The Tripping Point is a space where city agency staff and residents can work together to address the concerns and areas of opportunity to advocate. The Tripping Point is free to attend and will offer Spanish interpretation and child care as well as food and refreshments for registered participants. To request reasonable accommodations, please call (747) 225-1531. Please register at: VALLEYTRIPPINGPOINT.SPLASHTHAT.COM.

Partnering organizations for Tripping Point: The Valley Edition include: AARP, American Heart Association, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Outfront/JCDecaux, Koreatown Youth Community Center, Los Angeles Walks, LURN, and the Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living.