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Daniel is an architect and urbanist who has worked with developers, cities, and towns of all sizes around the world to create vibrant communities. A recent *Next City* article referred to Daniel as "that guy" who coined the term Missing Middle Housing, a spectrum of housing types that responds to the mismatch between the market demand for walkable housing and the housing currently being built today. He is a noted expert on these types, having designed Missing Middle Housing across the United States.

He is also at the forefront of rethinking the way we zone our communities to promote more compact, vibrant places. In 2007, he co-authored the book *Form-Based Codes* and, in 2013, as part of a larger sustainable growth strategy in partnership with the Prince's Foundation for Building Community, he wrote the first development code for Gabon, Africa. He serves as a board member for the Form-Based Codes Institute, an organization dedicated to reforming zoning to remove barriers to walkable development, and for TransForm, which promotes walkable communities with transportation choices to connect people of all incomes to opportunity.