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economic and environmental change from the interplay between humans and this infinite place where we find ourselves.

Finding ourselves here is an interesting experience in itself. When I was younger I learnt about and thought I understood the various shifts human kind had experienced. Through so called agricultural, industrially and information revolutions to where we are today. I remember my father telling me in the sixties that things have become too complicated that he didn't envy me my future for it seemed too complex, the challenges too many.

Today I am cautiously aware of the many shifts that are occurring and that will have enormous impacts on the shapes and functions of our cities. The shifts occurring and response to global warming, climate change, continuing exploitation of natural resource, population growth and longevity are wholesome. These shifts are both understandable but also more complicated because of technological advances such as computerization, globalization, advances in communications, in what must be the inevitable redefinitions of capitalism and democracy itself.

These days I see my students, friends, and my grandchildren, and reflect on my father's words, and since especially that the reality of last's night's tragic events, how easy it is for me to feel the same way about your futures. Yet, that is not the case. I see in you the energy, enthusiasm, and positivism that have always engaged humans with the desire and ability to respond to the forces of change.

There is no doubt that many of the responses we need are different from earlier practices, that I am encouraged by those of you that I meet that you are asking the right questions and searching for solutions in principled ways, and in ways that will ensure that, yes, you are better than you were yesterday, and yes, you will continue to make a worthwhile contribution to the future of our community. Thank you and best wishes to all.