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## SIM CITY

### WEEKEND



Build your own city at planner James Rojas' marathon charette this weekend.

- *Learn the Art of City Building with James Rojas and Friends.*

The physical form of a city can be a work of art, says Transportation Planning Manager James Rojas, but it's a complicated process to build one. But if you're game to try, here's an opportunity to do it.

At a workshop or charette that begins Friday at noon and ends at 9 p.m. on Sunday, June 18-20, Rojas is inviting all interested planners, real estate moguls and former or future city czars to build a 20-foot by 3-foot model of a mega-metropolis from scratch.

The 20'x3' model will be created from small found objects and will be accompanied by a map to represent both the physical and paper planning process, said Rojas. A zoning map will to explore the how the zoning impacts the physical form of the city.

In the process, participants will have to consider zoning, transportation, floor area ratio, architectural design review, density, historic preservation, open space and all those other pesky details.

It's also a party, which goes to midnight on both Friday and Saturday nights, he said. Participants and/or wanna-be's may come and go at will.

The charette will be held at Gallery 727, located at 727 S. Spring St. in downtown Los Angeles. For more information, call Rojas at (213) 892-0918.



Urban planner James Rojas with an earlier model city slightly smaller than the 20-foot mega-metropolis that will emerge fully grown this weekend. (circa 1990 at MIT)

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