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‘Walkability’ guru Burden selected for Walk Score advisory board Google-powered web site helps homebuyers find walkable neighborhoods

(Orlando, Fla.) – Dan Burden, a principal at Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, has been appointed to the board of advisors for Walk Score, a Google-powered web tool that promotes walkable, active living primarily by helping homebuyers and apartment hunters find walkable neighborhoods.

On the Walk Score website, at www.walkscore.com, users can enter an address and the engine will return a “walk score” and a map of what’s nearby.

“It is a very, very powerful tool,” said Burden, who also is founder of Walkable Communities, Inc. “With growing interest in walkability amongst people who are seeking better places to live, work and raise families, and to reduce commuting and fuel consumption, this web site brings the power to the people. They can do their own research and make better-informed decisions.”

Walk Score launched in summer 2007. In early 2008, Burden was asked to recommend improvements to the tool. He helped the web site make improvements such as adding street connectivity and block forms as factors in the walk-score results.

Burden has helped more than 2,500 communities throughout the world become more walkable. He was named by TIME Magazine in 2001 as one of the six most important civic innovators in the world and was made the 2001 Distinguished Lecturer by the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies. Burden also was honored with the first-ever lifetime-achievement awards issued by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Smart Growth Coalition.

Burden joins the following national leaders on the advisory board:

- Alan Durning, executive director of Sightline Institute and founder of its predecessor, Northwest Environment Watch
- Chris Leinberger, a land-use strategist, developer, teacher, consultant, and Visiting Fellow at The Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.
- Mark Lucovsky, technical director of the Ajax Search API at Google
- Clark Williams-Derry, who oversees research programs for Sightline Institute

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