

**Denver Firm Civitas Promotes Chris Parezo to Principal**  
*Passion for cities and people fuels Parezo's drive for community design*



Denver, Colo. – March 21, 2016 – Denver-based urban design and landscape architecture firm [Civitas](#) has promoted [Christopher Parezo, AICP](#), to principal. Parezo, who holds degrees in both architecture and urban planning, has worked in the field for 15 years, the past decade with Civitas. “Chris's energy, creativity and commitment to our clients and design staff are a great addition to our leadership team,” says Mark Johnson, founding principal.

“The culture of learning, thinking and design coupled with an extremely talented, fun and ambitious family of designers, make Civitas a unique and inspirational culture to be a part of,” says Parezo. “I’m proud to call this firm home, and I aspire to provide the same encouragement, support and opportunities that I have received.”

An urbanist and outdoorsman, Parezo strives to improve the quality of cities as a means to minimizing human impact on the natural environment. He believes that the great urban environments of tomorrow should successfully blend time-tested design principles with contemporary thinking. This philosophy inspires his work for Civitas, which includes overseeing a variety of project types ranging in scale from corporate and medical campus design and transit-oriented and urban infill neighborhood design to long-range city planning.

Parezo recently completed a 400-acre urban design master plan for Pena Station, a transit-oriented community in Denver. He is currently leading the I-25/Broadway Station Area Plan for the City of Denver, as well as the master plan and urban design for a 185-acre transit-oriented Fitzsimons Innovation Campus in Aurora.

With a core purpose of creating healthier cities, Civitas is an idea-based practice of urban designers, architects and landscape architects engaged in strategic planning for urban change and project design for built works. With an office in Denver, Colo., and [more than 30 years](#) proven experience, the consultancy and design studio advises on a wide range of strategies for re-imagining urban life and places. Recent projects include San Diego’s North Embarcadero and St. Patrick’s Island Park in Calgary, Alberta. For more information, visit [www.civitasinc.com](http://www.civitasinc.com).

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