



2017 Awards for Individual Achievement **LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCACY & INNOVATION**



Andy Yan MCIP, RPP

Born and raised in Vancouver, Andy has extensively worked in the nonprofit and private sectors with projects in the metropolitan regions of Vancouver, San Francisco, New York City, Los Angeles and New Orleans. He specializes in the fields of urban regeneration, applied demographics, geographic information systems, neighborhood development, public outreach, social media and quantitative research.

***“How do you scare off the bogeymen?
You shine a bright light on them.”***

Andy’s work shines a laser light on current urban issues by presenting new data in an innovative and engaging way with an aim of fostering healthy and informed debate on topics significant in a growing urban region. At BTAsworks, and now with Simon Fraser University City Program, Andy presents nuanced, data-focused insights on different elements of urban growth and development. The three most significant of these to date are housing occupancy, ownership patterns, and the distribution of high-price single-family homes. These works and the media and public discussion that followed have influenced the public policy debate and arguably action at the local and provincial levels.

In 2015 he earned a place on Vancouver Magazine’s Power 50 List. In their words: “A young urban planner named Andy Yan soon gained influence by dispelling urban myths and making sense of a sort of ground-truth that everyone in this city seemed to believe but nobody in power would address.”