Fall 2020_Arch 321
Final Writing Assignment – OPTION #2
due Monday, Nov. 30 @5:00pm on Canvas (<u>graded out of 10 points</u>)

For this assignment, you will write an 800-1000-word reflection on the course content in Architecture 321 this fall (about 3 double-spaced pages). As you have participated in this course during an unprecedented time in history with the pandemic and a highly contentious political election that has still not been resolved, we wanted to offer the opportunity for students to reflect on the course content and how it helps you think in new ways about the past, present, and future of American cities.

Please begin by watching lectures 5.1 and 5.2 in Module 5 on Canvas.

Some of the topics that you might write about include:
- The divide between urban and rural communities in the United States;
- The legacies of discrimination, redlining, and under-investment in urban neighborhoods;
- Transportation in cities and how cars transformed regional environments as well as future concepts for better transportation;
- Changes needed in cities to address climate change;
- The future of cities after the pandemic;
- Black Lives Matter protests and the challenges to current American policing policies in cities; or
- The role of cities in the current politics of American society.

Please choose <u>at least two</u> of these prompts at minimum; you can choose more than two or add some topics of your own.

<u>Integrate specific examples from course lectures and films to add depth to your reflections</u>. For each theme that you write about (at minimum two from the list), please bring in <u>at least three facts or examples</u> from the lectures and films.

As this is a reflective essay, you can write in first person ("I observe…", "The election matters to me, because…") Try to limit use of the phrases "I think" or "I believe" as typically this is redundant as we know that you are the author and therefore all of the text is your opinion.

Please use double-spaced paragraphs, 11 pt. font, and 1" margins.

Late work will result in a grade reduction – one point lost for each 24 hours late. The last day to post the assignment is Monday, December 7 at 5:00 pm.