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### **Author Peter Kageyama to Present his Book “For the Love of Cities” in Estes Park**

Estes Park welcomes acclaimed author Peter Kageyama to share the insight and research from his book “For the Love of Cities: The Love Affair between People and Their Places” at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25 at Estes Park Town Hall. Recognized as a Top 10 book in urban planning, design and development, “For the Love of Cities” explores the emotional connections that people form with places and how tapping into those connections can benefit the larger community.

Kageyama writes on his website: “If cities begin thinking of themselves as engaged in a relationship with their citizens, and if we as citizens begin to consider our emotional connections with our places, we open up new possibilities in community, social and economic development by including the most powerful of motivators—the human heart—in our toolkit of city-making.”

At the ‘For the Love of Estes’ event Kageyama will share his perspective on Estes Park, creative ways to get funding for projects and how we can cultivate city love of individuals and channel it into community development.

Copies of “For the Love of Cities” are available, as supplies last, at the Estes Valley Library for community members to read ahead of the event. Kageyama’s presentation is a joint effort by the Estes Valley Library, Estes Valley Partners for Commerce, Estes Park Economic Development Corporation, Estes Area Lodging Association, the Town of Estes Park and Visit Estes Park. The event is free to attend and open to the public at Estes Park Town Hall, 170 Macgregor Ave. downtown Estes Park.

#### **More about Peter Kageyama:**

Kageyama is the former President of Creative Tampa Bay, a grassroots community change organization and the co-founder of the Creative Cities Summit, an interdisciplinary conference that brings citizens and practitioners together around the big idea of ‘the city.’

Peter is a Senior Fellow with the Alliance for Innovation, a national network of city leaders that is dedicated to improving the practice of local government. Since speaking to them in 2013, Peter has become a special advisor to America in Bloom. He is an internationally sought-after community development consultant and grassroots engagement strategist who speaks all over the world about bottom-up community development and the amazing people who are making change happen.

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