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This book presents the work of leading scholars on the topic of citizen participation at the local level. Case studies compare Canadian and Chinese communities and extrapolate interesting policy-level changes at the local level based on citizen behavior and involvement. Coverage includes the characteristics of political culture and climate on local participation; factors especially unique to urban poor, class migration, aboriginal, and immigrant populations; means of protest, demonstration, and articulation of preference by populations; land-use, housing, urban development, and resource sustain

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