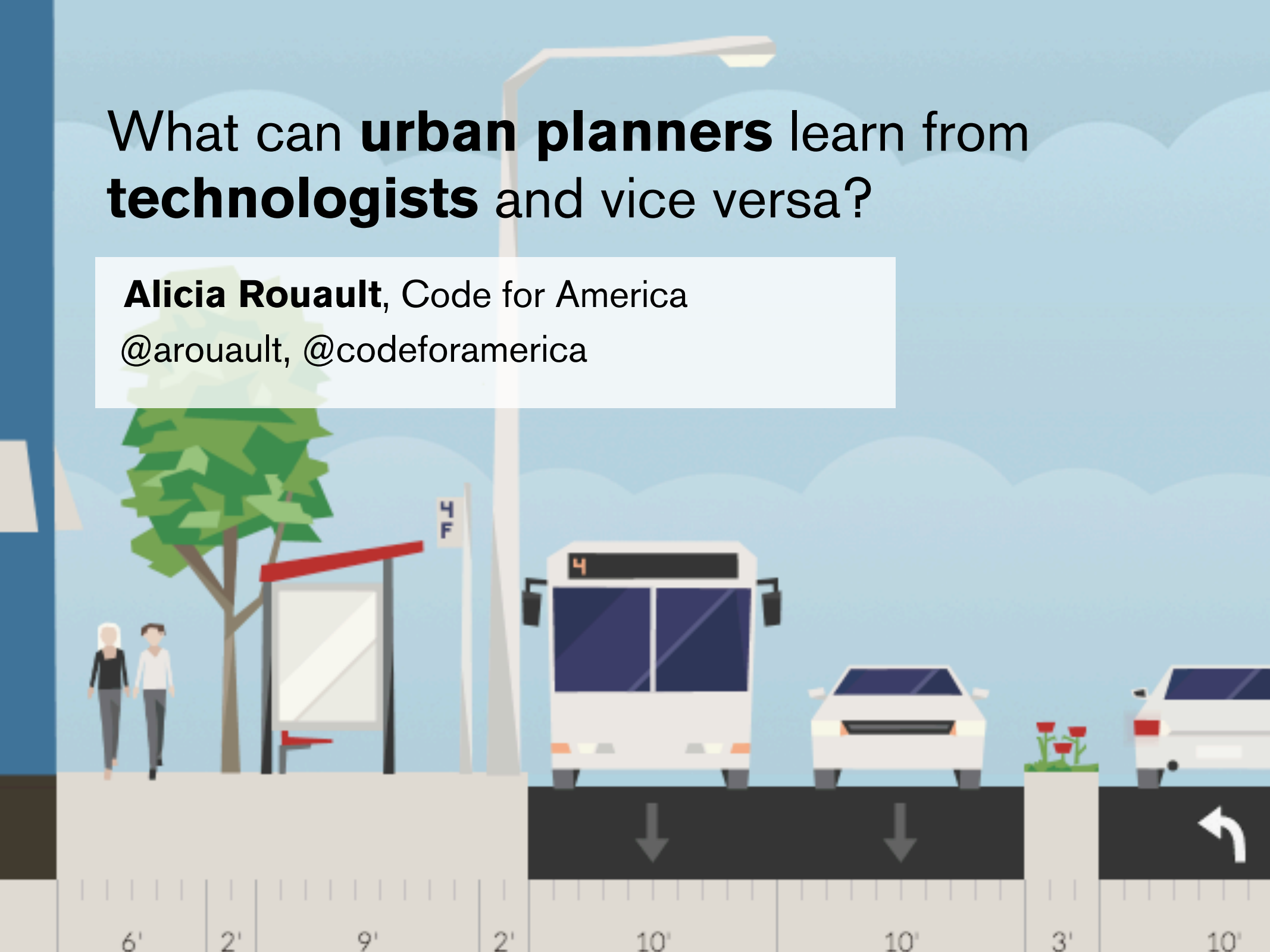# What can **urban planners** learn from **technologists** and vice versa?

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Planners + Technology
a long relationship

world view

modernism
engineered city

design tools

proprietary
desktop
software

civic engagement

social media
crowdsourcing

computation

scenario
parametric
modeling

Planners + Technology
enthusiastic illiteracy

- **heightened enthusiasm** for software platforms to tackle public engagement, crowdsource ideas, scenario planning

- **nascent understanding** of programming, web design, or how the technology we use *works*

- responsibility to apply the same **rigor and criticality to tools** as much as methods

Code for America: *experiment in technology + urbanism*

CODE *for* AMERICA

- **urbanist content, technologist approach**
  tackle big, social problems using technology

- **cross-disciplinary network of innovators**
  technical, design + public sector

- **scaling people, not technology**
  "it's not about the apps"

Same methods, Different jargon
toward a common language

tech	planning
user research	needs finding
agile / lean	Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper
Iterative / disruptive	Tactical Urbanism
MVP	pilot

Code for America: *approach*

- **urbanist applications:** programs designed to tackle problems in cities (infrastructure, public outreach, communications design)

- **institutional roles for non-programmers**
public policy, urban planning, architects and designers

- **distributed network of volunteers**
code for america bridge engages programmers in digital volunteerism

Opportunities for constructive exchange?

public private partnerships
embedded roles
show what is possible
digital volunteerism

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(between 7th St & 6th St)
San Francisco, CA 94103
Neighborhood: SoMa

(415) 341-9000
http://aq-sf.com/

Menu

Health Score: 78 out of 100
Hours:
Tue-Sat 5:30 pm - 11 pm
Sun 11 am - 2 pm
Sun 5:30 pm - 10 pm
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Accepts Credit Cards: Yes
Parking: Street
Attire: Casual
Good for Groups: Yes
Good for Kids: No
Takes Reservations: Yes

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June 20, 2012 — Routine Inspection

Violations

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- Foods not protected from contamination [date violation corrected: 6/20/2012]
- Unclean hands or improper use of gloves [date violation corrected: 6/20/2012]
- Unclean or unsanitary food contact surfaces [date violation corrected: 6/20/2012]

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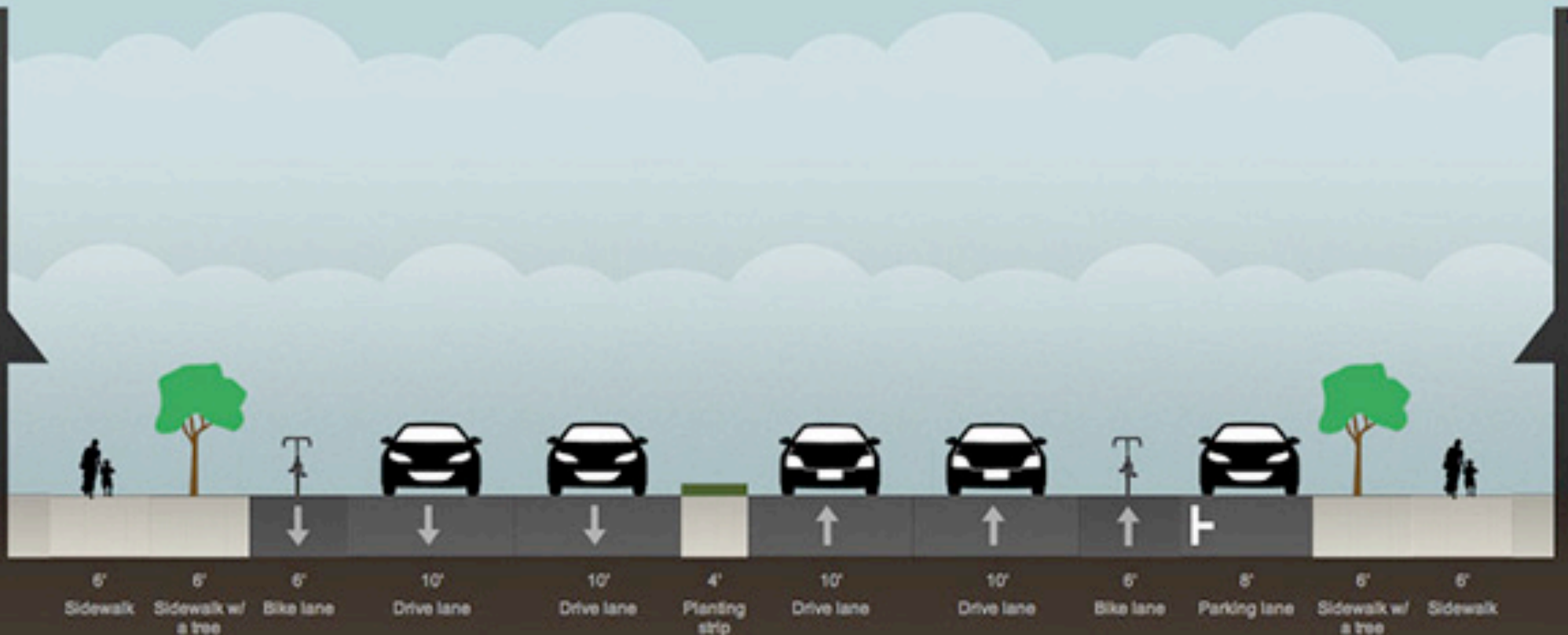

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public policy + tech

Show, don't tell
diminishing complacency

How can we be better urbanists and technologists?

remind companies: human centered design = win
building for the communities of (users) around you supports business

pursue meaningful public-private partnerships
civic data can be an asset to your business model and simultaneously support governance and community building

Participate: join existing or traditional channels of civic institutions and apply your skills there

All Welcome!

Civic Hack Night / Brigade Planning Party
Code for America, 155 9th Street
January 8: 6-9:30
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