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Comparative Study on Neighborhood Associations in the United States, Japan, and South Korea: Implications for Urban Governance

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Neighborhood associations serve residents in metropolitan areas as mediators and conduits to local government officials. Although some existing literature examines the importance and activities of neighborhood associations in urban governance (King 2004; McCabe 2011; van Houwelingen 2012), there is still much to learn about the roles and activities of these associations. This research comparatively analyzes neighborhood associations in the United State, Japan, and South Korea in terms of purpose, governance structure, roles, and legal status. The comparative study helps extend the scope and depth of our understanding about the neighborhood associations, and suggests implications to the neighborhood associations in South Korea and other countries that is in its forming stage of development.

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