



## **Benson Chan**

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Benson Chan is a co-founder and Senior Partner at Strategy of Things, a Silicon Valley innovation company that helps cities, communities, and businesses become more responsive and resilient through science, strategy, and emerging technologies.

Benson's current work focuses on smart and safe cities, communities, and buildings. He is currently working with San Mateo County to bring connectivity to students in rural and underserved communities. His recent work in smart cities include the development of San Mateo County's smart region strategy, design and launch of its innovation lab, and a connected streetlight strategy for a regional utility company. Benson is also a NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) grant holder working to identify IoT technology infrastructure gaps that will inform the federal government where to direct future IoT research initiatives.

Benson speaks and writes regularly on IoT and smart cities. He recently co-authored two white papers on how and where technology can be used to respond to COVID-19. In addition, he co-authored the Smart Buildings for Smart Cities blueprint for the GCTC Smart Buildings Supercluster and the Municipal IoT Network Blueprint for the GCTC Wireless Supercluster. Benson is an active member of the CompTIA IoT Industry Advisory Council and the NIST GCTC Wireless, Smart Buildings, Smart Regions superclusters, and IEEE's smart city standards working group. He served as an industry mentor in the U.S. Department of Energy's Building Technology Office's IMPEL program that paired industry with National Laboratories researchers to foster entrepreneurial thinking.

Benson holds a BS in Aeronautical Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, an MS in Engineering from Purdue University, and an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles.