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2. An ideal city?

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Chrissy Mayer: Hi, I'm Chrissy Mayer, I'm an urbanist based in San Diego. Let me present you the sustainable city of the future. As you know by 2030, 60 percent of the world's population is going to live in cities. So it's extremely important to design our city systems in an intelligent manner.

So this city I'm presenting is designed to have a population of 100,000 people. As you can see, the city is circular. The radius is 1.5 miles so the furthest distance from one point to the other is three miles.

The central dome, District 1, is the commercial centre of the city, it is also the transportation hub. All the avenues, in white, come here. People will come here for shopping, education and health care. Around the dome, the little circles represent entertainment centres: concert halls, cinemas and theatres.

As you move out, in District 2, you find the different colored buildings: the industrial belt. This is where the industries and factories are. And after, this blue circle in District 3 is the recreational belt where people will come to run, play basketball, play tennis, swim or just hang out, in a very green environment.

District 4, with the little rivers, is the residential area. As you can see in District 5 all around the city there are solar panels. This is the energy belt.

And finally, the last circle is the agricultural belt: it surrounds the entire city, growing food for all the inhabitants. This city represents a balance between technology and nature. To me, this is the ideal city.