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6. Abstract (300 words):

China risks tension through urbanization, and the main reason is the income gap between different classes citizens. This study is an attempt to clarify and tackle the rich-poor divide in China caused by rapid urbanization. For these migrant workers who face the sky-high property prices, the only option is to live in urban villages and even underground, especially in cities like Beijing and Shenzhen this group of people make up one-third of estimated millions of people. As we observed, the Dwelling Narrowness Underground and Urban Village phenomenon is huge and ubiquitous, and we would like to argue we could not simply ban or deconstruct these. Instead of accepting the condition as what it is, we try to transform these features as positive design methods. The layers of city are clearly divided by social conditions and income classes. In this study we try to avoid rising the tension in current society by understanding the state-of-the-art methods and results at the beginning of design and planning. The Layecity is aimed to create cities not CBDs, the coexistence not social

divide, the new spacial and social experience, infrastructure and connectivity.

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