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Ian Thomas is the State and Local Program Director with America Walks. In this role, he develops and delivers education programs for advocates, professionals, and elected officials, about the benefits of walkable communities and strategies to create them.

From 2000 until 2013, Ian served as the founding Executive Director of the PedNet Coalition of Columbia, MO. During this time, he developed one of the largest Walking School Bus programs in the country, coordinated a campaign that led to Columbia adopting the first "complete streets" policy in Missouri, and was instrumental in reducing neighborhood speed limits.

In 2013 and again in 2016 and 2019, Ian won election to the Columbia City Council, where he continues to advance healthy and walkable community policies. He is a member of Smart Growth America's Local Leaders Council and the National League of Cities' Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.