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☐ **FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT:** We mailed our annual contribution-reminder postcard, to those who qualified, after the September newsletter, and the results were a gratifying rise in financial support. We have received 95 contributions totaling \$2,807 since the September newsletter. Our deepest thanks to each of you.

Our year-to-date totals stand now at \$8,820 from 243 Networkers, which means we're running behind our November 1992 comparables of \$9,341 from 275 Networkers. Since we mail to nearly 650 Networkers worldwide, the numbers mean a lot of you still owe us a financial contribution.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. We suggest contributing at least once each year, and we change (or add) the date whenever we get a check. The absence of a date means you have not yet contributed financially, and we'd like a check from you, if possible.

Passing the Word

☐ **PUERTO RICANS/MAINLAND:** The National Puerto Rican Coalition (1700 K St. N.W. #500, Wash., DC 20006, 202/223-3915) has available *Puerto Ricans in the U.S. Mainland: A Special Report Based on the 1990 Census*. Single copies are free. Contact: Noelle Gautier.

☐ **NETWORKER UPDATE:** From Michael Zamm (Council on the Environment of New York City, 51 Chambers St. #228, New York, NY 10007, 212/788-7900): I have been part of the group which founded the city's new High School for Environmental Studies. I co-authored the concept paper for the school, provide curriculum support, and implement the school's Training Student Organizers Program, which trains students to organize environmental improvement projects. A basic sub-

theme in environmental studies will be a focus on urban design, urban services, and improving the urban environment.

☐ **HOUSING HEARINGS:** The printed version of May 20 hearings before the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, "The State of Our Nation's Housing," is now available (Serial No. 103-39) from the Supt. of Documents, Congressional Sales Office, Wash., DC 20402. No price listed (but a Congressional office may be able to get it for you free).

☐ **DEVELOPMENT/ASIAN AMERICANS:** The Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics Public Policy Institute (327 E. 2nd St. #226, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213/485-1422) has issued a 174-page book, *Beyond Asian American Poverty: Community Economic Development Policies and Strategies*. Copies are \$10.

☐ **RURAL DEVELOPMENT:** The Corporation for Enterprise Development (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #801, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-9788) has issued a 260-page resource, *Rural Policymakers and Practitioners: State Resource Directory of People and Organizations in Rural Development*. Copies are \$20 for public agencies and nonprofits, \$35 for others.

☐ **STUDENT QUERY:** From PNER Steven Lewis (Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, 510/527-2311): I am writing a handbook on management options for urban open space, which will address such issues as ownership, liability, funding, and community and nonprofit participation, and also include case studies. Any information or suggestions, especially relating to community and nonprofit involvement in urban open space management, would be greatly appreciated.

☐ **FmHA LENDING:** The Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20007, 202/342-

Planners Network Conference

May 20-22, 1994

National 4-H Center, Washington, DC

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0567) and Rapoza Associates have issued a 164-page history and assessment of the Farmers Home Administration's Rural Development Loan Fund and Intermediary Relending Program. Single copies may be free from the Center.

□ COMMUNITY ORGANIZING: The August/September *City Limits* (40 Prince St., New York, NY 10012, 212/925-9820) is a 71-page special issue, "The Power To Be Heard," on community organizing, with a focus on groups in New York. Single copies are \$5.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Maurie Cohen (School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana Univ., Indianapolis, IN 46202, 317/274-3815, mcohen@spea-net.iupui.edu): I received a Ph.D. in regional science from the Univ. of Pennsylvania last summer, after completing a dissertation on the economic impacts of the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. Now I'm assistant professor of urban affairs at IU-Indianapolis, one of the first new planning programs in years. My current research focuses on human-environment interactions, social responses to toxic contamination, and community development in frontier regions.

□ ORGANIZING/NEWSLETTER: The National Organizers Alliance (130 11th St. N.E., Wash., DC 20002, 202/543-6603) has released the first issue of a new newsletter, *The Ark*, with an article by Gary Delgado on "Power and Prejudice." Contact: Kim Fellner.

□ NETWORKER HONORED: The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning has selected *Separate Societies: Poverty and Inequality in U.S. Cities*, by PNER Bill Goldsmith and Edward J. Blakely, to receive the 1993 Paul Davidoff Award, which honors the work, life, and ideals of the late practitioner, educator, and intellectual who was an unyielding force for justice and equity in planning. (For background on the book, see PN #101, September 1993.)

□ POLICE ISSUES: Gary Delgado of the Applied Research Center (440 Grand Ave. #401, Oakland, CA 94610, 510/834-7072) is seeking studies, insights, and information on community policing, police misconduct, and police reform.

□ TRANSPORTATION PLANNING: The Program for Community Problem Solving (915 15th St. N.W. #600, Wash., DC 20005, 202/783-2961) has issued a 46-page working paper, *Collaborative Transportation Planning: Guidelines for Implementing ISTEA and the CAAA*, on the effects of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act and the Clean Air Act Amendments. Copies are \$8.

□ MICRO-ENTERPRISES: The Aspen Institute Self-Employment Learning Project (1333 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. #1070, Wash., DC 20036, 202/736-5800) has issued a 23-page report, *Assisting the Smallest Businesses: Assessing Microenterprise Development as a Strategy for Boosting Poor Communities*, by Peggy Clark and Tracy Huston. It's based on interviews with 302 micro-entrepreneurs across the country. No price listed.

□ WORK & HOUSING: Special complexes of shops, offices,

and residences of "contract living enterprises" could create new small low-risk businesses, related jobs, and secure convenient living that boosts local economies. Details \$2, from PNER Edward Page, Box 237, Blue Hill, ME 04614.

□ JOBS/INNER CITY: The June *Georgetown Law Journal* includes a 69-page article, "The Prospects for 'Putting America to Work' in the Inner City," by E. Douglass Williams (Assistant Professor of Economics, Carleton College) and Richard Sander (Acting Professor of Law, UCLA). Check with an author on reprint possibilities.

□ URBAN POLICY: RAND (1700 Main St., Box 2138, Santa Monica, CA 90407, 310/393-0411 ext. 6686) has published a 368-page report, *Urban America: Policy Choices for Los Angeles and the Nation*, edited by James Steinberg and others, with chapters on homelessness, immigration, health care, and other topics. No price listed.

□ POVERTY/RACE: Vol. 27, No. 40 of *The Clearinghouse Review* (205 W. Monroe St. 2nd Fl., Chicago, IL 60606) is a 107-page special issue, "Race and Poverty," with articles on housing mobility, special education, racial discrimination in health care, and lending discrimination, among other topics. Single copies are \$6.

□ SCHOOL CHOICE: *Examining the Evidence*, edited by Edith Rasell and Richard Rothstein, is a 364-page report from the Economic Policy Institute. Copies are \$17.95, from: Public Interest Publications, 800/537-9359.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Deb Gray (6098 Rockridge Blvd., Oakland, CA 94618): I've just started at the UC Center for Cooperatives in Davis, as a cooperative housing and economic development specialist. I would like to hear from PNERs who are working on innovative projects in cooperative housing, business, and, particularly, health care systems.

□ SCHOOL AID/TAXES: The U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (800 K St. N.W. #450 South Bldg., Wash., DC 20575, 202/653-5540) has issued a report, *Changing Public Attitudes on Governments and Taxes*, analyzing a poll in which a majority favored equalizing financial support for public education by transferring property tax revenue from upper-income school districts to lower-income districts. Copies (Rept. S-22) are \$15. Contact: Joan Casey.

□ POLICY REPORTS: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080) has issued two publications: a 27-page report, *The Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment*, by Robert Greenstein and Paul Leonard, highlighting potential dangers from the amendment; and a nine-page analysis of the Clinton Administration's National Performance Review plan for improving government efficiency. Contact the Center on prices.

□ COOPERATIVE HOUSING: The UC Center for Cooperatives (Davis, CA 95616, 916/752-2408) has issued *The Cooper-*

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Philadelphia PN Session Debates Conference Proposals; Names Conveners's Group

by Gwen Urey and Ann Forsyth

More than 60 people attended the second planning session October 30 for a 1994 Planners Network conference (we collected 63 names and addresses). The session coincided with the annual Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference in Philadelphia.

Peter Marcuse opened the session, summarizing conference preparations made by the PNers who attended the Rhode Island meeting in August (*PN #101, September 1993*).

Ann Forsyth and Bill Goldsmith then facilitated a fairly rowdy discussion among mostly academic PNers who had come to the meeting, as Jackie Leavitt observed, because they feel isolated and frustrated in their institutions, and hope that PN can provide an alter-institution, or an anti-institution.

Rob Mier initiated the response to Peter's presentation by saying the conference didn't sound substantively different from the ACSP conference, and he didn't think he'd want to attend. Teresa Cordova added that the current working title would not draw people from the communities she knows.

Veteran PNers defended the concept of the conference as significantly different. Unlike ACSP, it will focus on a progressive planning approach; it can be a springboard to other PN activity, such as critical analyses of empowerment zones, and a place for the expression of emerging progressive theories.

Discussion exploded: Panel-oriented formats punctuated by the same old keynotes are stifling. Can PNers really put together a conference that includes Latina/Latino, Pacific-Island, Asian-American, American Indian, and queer communities? Will the conference's focus be the issues of greatest importance to minority communities in the nation's cities? Can

PNers speak in a language that the rest of the world understands? How can PNers learn from neighborhood groups, if they label them as "parochial"?

The conference must have an ambitious, action-oriented goal. Mel King, Betsy Morris, and others urged us to "take on" the economy. A conference could be organized around the levels at which people engage the economy, or the economy engages people. Several layers could be explored, using a people-centered mode of inquiry: The economy's opportunities and obstacles would be analyzed from several points of view. Connections between the layers would then be elaborated. The conference vision would be to "take back" the economy.

In addition to a more aggressive

goal, the conference format must be radically different from the traditional hierarchical models of talking heads and behaved audiences. Format design should stimulate substantive discussions among the hoped-for attendees -- practitioners, community activists, and academics.

Teresa Cordova, Jackie Leavitt, Marsha Ritzdorf, and others demanded a more interactive and participatory format. Suggestions included meetings with proposals on the table, and/or task-oriented groups that would come together, then split apart for larger, plenary activities, then come back together to draft a position paper on a specific policy, outline a strategy for action on a specific issue, or some other task.

Ken Reardon's suggestion that regional forums be used to build an agenda for a national conference also became a point of reference in the discussion of format.

The meeting was brought to a close by time, fatigue, and a commitment to going forward with something to be held May 20-22 at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD, right outside Washington.

The meeting ended with a call for volunteers, and appointment of Teresa Cordova, Ann Forsyth, Ken Reardon, and Peg Seip as conference conveners.

Responding volunteers include Tom Angotti, Joseph Feinberg, Joan Fitzgerald, Mel King, Peter Marcuse, Betsy Morris, Ellen Pader, Barbara Rahder, Laxmi Ramasubramanian, Lucia Resende, Jean Riesman, Marsha Ritzdorf, Donna Tatro, June Thomas, Teresa Vasquez, and Gwen Urey.

Three of the conveners -- Teresa Cordova, Ken Reardon, and Ann Forsyth -- met on October 31 (Peg Seip sent her apologies). They agreed we should reconceptualize the May 1994 event in Washington as an organizing meeting rather than a conference. (They came up with a number of terms for the event -- gathering, kick off, mobilization -- none of which seemed quite right.)

The aims of the Washington event are to revive the Planners Network, with a focus on figuring out what progressive planners can do; and to bring together people doing policy development, academic work, activism, and other work in the field to generate a set of outcomes, including:

PN Special Feature

In its Special Feature, *Planners Network* presents thoughtful, provocative writings about substantive concerns and issues in the planning professions. Essays typically highlight a single issue, and illuminate with examples and insights.

The Special Feature editor is Bob Beauregard (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Forbes Quadrangle, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, 412/648-7600; fax 412/648-2605).

We are grateful for Networkers' support of this feature, and encourage continued ideas, suggestions, commentary, and dialogue.

- A set of blueprints for progressive reform.

- Examples of what has been done in practice.

- A strategy for facilitating the debate on national urban policy.

- A strategy for setting up ways of involving progressive planners in supporting community groups, such as conducting charettes and workshops in local communities, running summer programs, or staffing a speakers bureau.

- A strategy for setting up mechanisms to widen support for citizen activism around a progressive agenda through

organizations like the American Planning Association and ACSP, as well as through legislation.

Work on the May 1994 event is underway, and all PNers are invited to pitch in. The conveners' group is working on the event's structure, contacting people who volunteered to work on the conference (either in Philadelphia or on the June PN questionnaire) for their comments, and recruiting people to organize committees to deal with issues such as the program, logistics, marketing, and outreach. If we share the work, no one will be overwhelmed.

If you would like to volunteer for the conference, please contact the Planners Network office or Ann Forsyth (109 Hills North, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003; 413/454-6634; fax 413/545-1772; forsyth@larp.umass.edu).

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Passing the Word

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ative Housing Compendium: Resources for Collaborative Living, by Lottie Cohen and Lois Arkin (\$17.95). A complete list of the Center's academic and community-oriented publications is available on request.

□ TOXICS/COMMUNITY RIGHTS: The Working Group on Community Right-To-Know (215 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E., Wash., DC 20003, 202/546-9707) has a list of resource packets on chemical accidents and communities, citizen suits, toxic emissions, etc.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Phil McManus (189 Lake St., Perth, 6000 Western Australia, Australia): I'm finishing a teaching contract with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Curtin Univ. of Technology in Perth, and will be moving to the Univ. of Bristol's Geography Department to work as a teaching assistant and commence a Ph.D. in 1994 under the supervision of Nigel Thrift.

□ ASSESSING ENVIRONMENTALISM: A 413-page book, *Forcing the Spring: The Transformation of the American Environmental Movement*, by Robert Gottlieb, assesses environmentalism as a social movement, and asks whether it can expand beyond goals of protection and management to change the fabric of U.S. social life. Copies are \$31.75, from Island Press, Box 7, Dept. 5AU, Covelo, CA 95428, 800/828-1302.

□ HOMELESS FAMILIES: The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (918 F St. N.W. #412, Wash., DC 20004, 202/638-2535) has issued a 90-page report, *No Way Out*, which analyzes options available to homeless and poor families in 19 cities, and concludes a combination of factors threatens the families with breaking up through forced separation of family members. Copies are \$20.

□ COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS: The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (2001 S St. N.W. #620, Wash.,

DC 20009, 202/387-9177) has issued a 21-page summary report, *Community Foundations and the Disenfranchised*, based on reports assessing community foundations in Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, and San Diego. The full reports are \$20 each, the summary may be free.

□ HOMELESSNESS/LA: *Malign Neglect: Homeless in an American City*, by Jennifer Wolch and Michael Dear, is a 375-page book which focuses on the homeless in Los Angeles. Copies are \$37.95, from Jossey-Bass, 350 Sansome St., San Francisco, CA 94104, 415/433-1767.

□ HOUSING/NYC: Efforts to preserve low-income housing on New York's Upper West Side have now pitted the United Tenants Association, founded in 1977 to protect low-income buildings from demolition, against some of its own members, organized as the UTA Ad Hoc Committee for Low-Rent Housing. At issue is a city proposal to convert the buildings to mutual housing associations. Details: PNER William A. Price (61 W. 87th St., New York, NY 10024, 212/744-0847), a UTA founder, and now a leader of the UTA Ad Hoc Committee for Low-Rent Housing.

□ HOMELESS/FOSTER CARE: The Institute for Children and Poverty (36 Cooper Sq., New York, NY 10003, 212/529-5252) has issued a seven-page report, *Homeless: The Foster Care Connection*. No price listed.

□ LOW-INCOME HOUSING: The Summer *Community Change*, the newsletter of the Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20007, 202/342-0519), is a 32-page special issue, "The Low-Income Housing Crisis: It Keeps Getting Worse," which includes an in-depth look at low-income housing, and reviews 20 housing-related books and studies. Copies are \$5. Subscriptions are \$20 for four issues.

□ HOMELESS/CIVIL RIGHTS LAW: In connection with Justice Department Civil Rights enforcement of laws prohibiting discrimination against the homeless, Carol Fennelly of the

Community for Creative Non-Violence and Maria Foscarinis of the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (918 F St. N.W. #412, Wash., DC 20004, 202/638-2535) are collecting examples of both discriminatory enforcement of state and local laws and violations of federal antidiscrimination laws. Contact: Maria.

□ URBAN POLITICS: PNER Todd Swanstrom (Dept. of Political Science, State Univ. of New York, Albany, NY 12222) and Dennis Judd (Univ. of Missouri-St. Louis) have published with HarperCollins a comprehensive text on urban politics, *City Politics: Private Power and Public Policy*. The book explores the interaction between private economic actors and city government in generating urban policies. Complimentary review copies for possible course adoption are available by calling 800/828-6000.

□ HOUSING AFFORDABILITY: *Shelter Poverty: New Ideas on Housing Affordability*, by PNER Michael Stone, is a 352-page book, which challenges conventional notions of housing affordability, and poses a set of alternatives for solving the problem. Copies are \$22.45, from Temple Univ. Press, Broad & Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122, 800/447-1656.

□ NETWORKER PROFILED: Andy Raubeson (SRO Housing Corp., 311 S. Spring St. #1110, Los Angeles, CA 90013) was profiled in a "Los Angeles Journal" feature in the September 28 *New York Times*, "A Reformer Who Tries To Preserve Skid Rows." The article highlights Andy's work with single-room-occupancy housing.

Upcoming Conferences

□ COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT: The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #1010, Wash., DC 20009, 202/986-7898) will hold its third annual conference February 5-8 in Washington on the topic, "CRA: Investing So Communities Work."

□ HOMELESSNESS: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Interagency Council for the Homeless have scheduled around the country a series of forums. Remaining dates and locations: November 30, New York; December 8, Boston; December 14, Phoenix; early January, New Orleans; January 12, Atlanta; January 20, Columbus; early February, Ft. Worth; mid-February, Los Angeles. Details: Bruce Taylor, 202/662-1530.

□ HEALTHY CITIES: The International Healthy Cities and Communities Conference (5900 Hollis St. #E, Emeryville, CA 94608, 510/540-2412), a project of the Western Consortium for Public Health, will be held December 8-11 in San Francisco. Registration is \$375.

□ EQUITY PLANNING: The Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State Univ. (Cleveland, OH 44115, 216/687-2136) will present an Equity Planning Practice Symposium May 14 in Cleveland in honor of the 25th anniversary of the arrival of PNER Norm Krumholz as Director of the City Planning Department (which he headed from 1969

to 1979).

Calls for Papers

□ POLICY RESEARCH/WOMEN: The Institute for Women's Policy Research (1400 20th St. N.W. #104, Wash., DC 20036, 202/785-0393) has issued a call for papers, panels, and roundtables for its fourth annual conference June 3-4 in Washington on "Innovations in State and Local Government." Topics include welfare reform, women's management styles, and women as workers and clients. Contact: Lucia Fort.

Jobs

□ PN REMINDER: Some of the jobs we list may have application deadlines earlier than when you receive the newsletter. But deadlines sometimes can be adjusted. So we urge you to phone first, if a number is listed, and check on the deadline schedule.

□ DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST: The Affordable Housing Network of New Jersey (Box 1746, Trenton, NJ 08607) is seeking an experienced housing/community development specialist to provide technical assistance and training to community development corporations in the state. Contact: PNER Martha Lamar.

□ WAYNE STATE FACULTY: Wayne State Univ.'s College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs (Detroit, MI 48202) is seeking scholars in dispute resolution theory for appointment at the associate or full professor level (assumable in September) to supervise a new Masters in Dispute Resolution in conjunction with Wayne State's Hewlett Foundation Program in Mediating Theory and Democratic Systems. Contact: Elaine C. Driker, Director of Searches, 313/577-5071.

□ INTERNS: The Housing Assistance Council (1025 Vermont Ave. N.W. #606, Wash., DC 20005, 202/842-8600) is seeking candidates for paid 8-12 week internships in the spring.

□ CINCINNATI FACULTY: The School of Planning at the Univ. of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH 45221) is seeking candidates for two tenure-track positions, one in Environmental Planning/Policy, and one in Health Planning, beginning in September. Contact: Charles Ellison, Director, 513/556-4943 (health planning); David Varady, 513/556-0215 (environmental planning).

□ RESEARCH DIRECTOR: The Midwest Center for Labor Research (3411 W. Diversey #10, Chicago, IL 60647, 312/278-5418) is seeking a Research Director. Contact: Jacqui Johnson.

□ COLUMBIA FACULTY: The Urban Planning Program of Columbia Univ.'s Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation (New York, NY 10027) is seeking an assistant or associate professor, with an emphasis on spatial, infrastructure, and development planning, to teach basic planning theory and methods courses. Contact: Bernard Tschumi, Dean.

☐ **DIRECTOR:** The Calumet Project for Industrial Jobs (4012 Elm St., East Chicago, IN 46312) has an opening for a Director. Contact: Juanita Williams, President.

☐ **HOUSING COORDINATOR:** The Miami Beach Development Corporation (1205 Drexel Ave., Miami Beach, FL 33139, 305/538-0090) is seeking an experienced Affordable Housing Coordinator. Salary is \$40,000-\$50,000. Contact: Denis Russ, President.

Ex Conferences

☐ **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** The Development Leadership Network and the Association for Community Empowerment sponsored a conference November 10-13 in New York on "The State of CED: The Role of Community Economic Development in Rebuilding Our Nation's Economy." Details: CED Conference, 379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205, 718/636-3486.

☐ **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** The Association for Community-Based Education (1805 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20009, 202/462-6333) held its 18th annual conference November 11-14 in Alexandria, VA, on "Community Economic Development: Education for the New Economy."

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☐ **JANUARY PN DEADLINE:** The arrival deadline for copy for the next *Planners Network* is Monday, January 3. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It reduces

our chances of misreading what you write.

Arrival deadline for PN #103 copy: Monday, January 3.

☐ **TALK UP PN:** Please don't be shy about sharing news of the Planners Network with others. Let them know about us. Probably the best outreach we have is when you educate and recruit your friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and others. We have a good, one-page introductory sheet, "The Planners Network -- What It Is," which we can send you in any quantity you wish. "What It Is" includes a statement of our principles, a brief organizational history, a list of Steering Committee members (who double as regional contacts), and how to calculate contributions.

☐ **MOVING? TELL PN:** When you move, please let us know directly. A thoughtful change-of-address postcard (with both your old and new addresses, please) will cost you just 19 cents. On the other hand, if the Post Office returns our (non-forwardable) Third Class newsletter with your new address, which is how we often learn of PNers' moves (we mark the newsletter "Address Correction Requested"), it costs us far more. So please help us cut our costs, send us a postcard.

☐ **PERSONAL UPDATES:** There are a number of short communications in this issue from Network members, letting us know about new jobs, projects, what's happening in their lives, etc. We encourage this. Sharing this kind of "where-I'm-at" information helps create a sense of community, provide contact, and generate support.

☐ **"CALL" STATEMENT:** We have a one-page, broadside version of the "Call for Social Responsibility in the Planning and Building Professions," which appeared in PN #49. Copies are available on request. It makes a good addition to "The Planners Network -- What It Is" in recruiting members.

The Planners Network

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic systems.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We oppose the economic structure of our society, which values profit and property rights over human rights and needs. This system perpetuates the inequalities of class, race, sex, and age which distort human relationship and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budget priorities to favor human services, social production and environmental protection over military and other nonproductive expenditures.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy, and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.

The Planners Network Newsletter is published six times a year as the principal means of communication among Network members. Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but we need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following amounts as minimums for Network members: \$15 for students and unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of

\$25 plus \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

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