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□ FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since the July newsletter, we have received contributions of \$1,273 from 47 Networkers. A special thanks to each of you. Your contributions bring our year-to-date totals to \$6,141 from 177 Networkers.

For comparison, our September 1993 totals were \$6,013 from 148 members.

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

□ TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: The Women's Institute for

Housing and Economic Development (179 South St., Boston, MA 02111, 617/423-2296) has issued a guide, *More Than Shelter: A Manual on Transitional Housing*. Copies are \$15.

Separately, the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition (121 N. Broad St. 6th Flr., Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/977-2800) has issued an 80-page guide, *Sponsoring a Transitional Home for the Homeless: A Step-by-Step Handbook for Religious and Community Organizations*. No price listed.

□ POVERTY DOCUMENTARY: Blackside Productions (486 Shawmut Ave., Boston, MA 02118) has completed a five-hour documentary by Henry Hampton, *America's War on Poverty*, which will be aired on public television January 16-18. Details: Betty Higgins, 617/492-2777 ext. 3869.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Ann Markusen (Project on Regional and Industrial Economics, Lucy Stone Hall, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 908/932-4587, fax 908/932-2253): In the past year, we've been working intensively on two research fronts:

In our conversion project, we've been interviewing and surveying firms, unions, and community groups around the country on what is actually happening in defense conversion. We published two reports (write me for copies): one, on worker readjustment to defense cuts, based on a Unisys plant in New Jersey; the other, on an economy-wide response, based on St. Louis. In addition, we have been mau-mauing the Clinton Administration and Congress, and supporting whenever possible the organizing efforts of conversion activists around

Message from the Co-Chairs

by Ann Forsyth & Ken Reardon

Following our May conference, several areas emerged for action in the coming year (July *Planners Network* "Message from the Co-Chairs" and "Special Feature").

Work already has started on a number of issues, with Steering Committee members agreeing to coordinate various areas:

- Revising PN's mission/policy statement (contact: Bill Goldsmith, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853, 607/255-2333, e-mail: wwg1@cornell.edu).
- Building and diversifying PN's membership base (contact: Jordan Yin, 2197 Oakdale Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, 216/961-4242, e-mail: ec934@cleveland.free-net.edu).
- Establishing a PN election process (contact: Ann Forsyth, Dept. of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, Univ. of Massachusetts, Box 34010, Amherst, MA 01003, 413/545-6634, e-mail: forsyth@larp.umass.edu).
- Developing PN communications ("Letter from the PN Editor" p. 8; contact: Tom Angotti, 808 Eighth Ave. #4-R, Brooklyn, NY 11215, 718/643-7550, e-mail: thobc@cuny

vm.edu).

● Solidifying PN's financial status (Contacts: Ken Reardon, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Illinois U-C, Urbana, IL 61801, 217/244-5384, e-mail: kmjr@uxl.cs-o.uiuc.edu; with help from Alan Rabinowitz, 3400 E. Laurelhurst Dr. N.E., Seattle, WA 98105, 206/525-7941).

Other areas are moving forward fairly autonomously. The National Conference Convening Committee, for example, has tentatively selected Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, in East St. Louis, IL, for our 1995 conference (contact: Ken Reardon); and a working group on race and diversity within the Network already has been meeting (July *Planners Network* "PN Working Groups"; contact: Janet Kreda, 45 Northeast St. #2, Amherst, MA 01002, 413/253-0420, e-mail: jkreda@larp.umass.edu).

A meeting/reception has been organized for the start of the November Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning meetings in Phoenix (Thursday, November 3, 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; contact: Ann Forsyth).

A session on progressive planning in Canada is being planned for the April 9-12 APA/CIP annual conference in Toronto (contact: David Morton, 10 Wascana Ave., Toronto, Ontario M5A 1V5, 416/368-8087, e-mail: morton@geog.utoronto.ca).

More detailed reports on each of these issues will appear in future PN newsletters.

the country.

In our new industrial districts project, we've been critiquing the literature and studying intensively Seattle, Albuquerque/Santa Fe, Silicon Valley, Research Triangle, and central New Jersey's pharmaceutical industry in comparison with fast-growing industrial cities in Brazil, Japan, and Korea. We have several working papers as well. In a paper for the World Bank, I argued that new high-technology preoccupations in these four countries are worsening progress toward regional development. In another with Candace Howes, we wrote on the lessons of Japanese industrial policy for the U.S. Also, our book, *Trading Industries, Trading Regions*, edited with Helzi Noponen and Julie Graham, has been published by Guilford Press; and the winter *American Prospect* published Roberta Lynch and my critique of Osborne and Gaebler's *Reinventing Government*.

This year, the conversion project will be concentrating on a comparison of Seattle, Los Angeles, St. Louis, and Long Island, plus new initiatives on the military technology front and on Los Alamos and Hanford nuclear weapons facilities.

□ HOMELESSNESS/GRANT AWARDS: October 14 is the deadline for written applications to the National Alliance To End Homelessness (1518 K St. N.W. #206, Wash., DC 20005) for the Sears/Phil Collins Grant Program To End Homelessness. At least \$500,000 will be awarded, in grants up to \$25,000 each, to nonprofits with programs emphasizing assistance to families with children. National organization are ineligible.

□ PROGRESSIVE QUARTERLY: Applied Research Center (25 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland, CA 94606) has begun publishing *Works in Progress*, a quarterly report on progressive innovations, interventions, and initiatives. The premier issue was in June; subscriptions are \$20.

□ HOUSING/PHILANTHROPY: PNER Peter Dreier (Occidental College International and Public Affairs Center, Los Angeles, CA 90041, 213/259-2913) has written a 40-page paper, *Philanthropy and the Housing Crisis: Charity or Justice?* Single copies may be free.

□ FUNDS FOR HOUSING: The summer *Community Change* newsletter (Center for Community Change, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20007, 202/342-0519) features a number of articles on securing funds for housing from state and local governments. Housing trust funds are a prime focus.

□ RENTERS/UTILITIES: The National Consumer Law Center (18 Tremont St. #400, Boston, MA 02108, 617/523-8010) has issued a 208-page manual, *Tenants' Rights to Utility Service*. Copies are \$60.

□ SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS/CRA: The Office of Thrift Supervision (1700 G St. N.W., Wash., DC 20552) has issued a report, *Community Reinvestment Act Performance Evaluation Ratings of Savings Associations*. Contact: Gwendolyn Gregg-Cauthen; single copies may be free.

□ HOUSING REPORT: A 32-page report, *The State of the Nation's Housing: 1994*, is available from Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies, Cambridge, MA 02138, 617/495-

7908.

□ HOUSING/INTEGRATION: *The Suburban Racial Dilemma: Housing and Neighborhoods*, by PNER W. Dennis Keating, is a 274-page book on the desirability, feasibility, and legality of implementing housing diversity policies in the suburbs, with strategies for greater progress in the future. Copies are \$22.95 (paper) from: Temple Univ. Press, Broad & Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122, 215/204-8787.

□ PUBLIC HOUSING/BOSTON: The Committee for Boston Public Housing (100 Terrace St. #B, Roxbury, MA 02120, 617/427-3556) has completed a 23-minute video, *We're Power Together*, showing positive aspects of public housing communities. Copies are \$15 (\$10 for low-income organizations/individuals).

□ FOOD POLICY/NY: The New York State Assembly Task Force on Food, Farm, and Nutrition (State Capitol #547, Albany, NY 12248, 518/455-5203), created in the late 1970s, is one of the only state legislative organizations working on food policy.

□ HOUSING REPORT/HUD: HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (Wash., DC 20410) has issued a 44-page report to Congress, *Worst-Case Needs for Housing Assistance in the U.S. in 1990 and 1991*. Copies may be free from PD&R.

□ TOXICS/COMMUNITIES OF COLOR: The SouthWest Organizing Project (211 10th St. S.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505/247-8832) has issued a 20-page *Report on the Interfaith Hearings on Toxic Poisonings in Communities of Color*. Copies are \$4 for individuals, \$7 for institutions. The hearings took place in April 1993. The report, plus a 30-minute video of the hearings, and four booklets on environmental justice are \$15 for individuals, \$20 for institutions.

□ PUBLIC POLICY TV: "Policy Street" is public policy television programming, produced by Alpha Square Television and Digital Projects (900 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, 312/787-0300), presenting a variety of issues from a variety of viewpoints through coverage of speeches, debates, and conferences.

□ CHILDREN'S SERVICES/SAN FRANCISCO: *From Sand Boxes to Ballot Boxes*, by Margaret Brodtkin and Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth (2601 Mission St. #804, San Francisco, CA 94110, 415/641-4362) is a 98-page book on San Francisco's landmark campaign to fund children's services. No price listed. Separately, Coleman will hold symposia on the campaign October 14 in Washington, DC, and October 28 in San Francisco.

□ DEVELOPMENT CREDIT UNIONS: *Thin Cats: The Community Development Credit Union Movement in the United States*, by John Isbister, is available from the UC Center for Cooperatives (Davis, CA 95616, 916/752-2408). Copies are \$15.95. A list of the Center's other academic and community-oriented publications also is available.

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Conference Panels Highlight Housing Issues

by Emily Achtenberg

(The following summaries highlight issues in four affordable housing panels from PN's May conference, "For An America That Works." We encourage reader comments and responses.)

The Right to Housing Revisited: Theory & Program

There is an emerging window of opportunity to re-engage public debate on the right to housing, based on an alternative system of social housing ownership, production, and finance.

More examples of and experience with social housing are available to draw on. Recent HUD scandals and mortgage lending abuses have reinforced public cynicism towards private developers and financial institutions, while budget-deficit consciousness underscores the need for more cost-effective subsidy solutions. The Clinton Administration has at least put public investment back on the national agenda.

Health care became a national political issue when business felt the pressure of rising costs cutting into profits. Health care, unlike housing, is a collective bargaining issue in the public and private sectors (Local 26, representing Boston hotel workers, is a unique example of this in housing).

Business experiences the same pressure indirectly from high housing costs, but doesn't acknowledge it. Business has a stake in the outcome of the right-to-housing debate.

Should the right to housing, like health care, be "marketed" on the basis of making the U.S. economy more competitive? This is a pragmatic approach, but controversial.

Alternatively, arguments could be

framed on environmental and sustainable growth grounds: Social housing is more efficient, less wasteful, and will create skills and jobs, and bolster productivity.

There is also a need to emphasize the moral basis for a right to housing. For example, the connection between political and economic democracy: If people are pre-occupied with shelter needs, they cannot participate effectively in a democratic society.

There are long-standing historical tensions in U.S. society between individual and social values; the communitarian/moral aspects can be tapped to support the concept of housing as a right. Social housing programs should build on this mixed tradition: e.g., community land trusts and limited-equity co-ops merging individual and collective ownership rights and responsibilities.

Participants in the IPS Right-to-Housing Working Group (now officially a PN project) have discussed updating "The Right to Housing: A Blueprint for Housing the Nation" (developed several years ago), hopefully in the context of an ongoing strategy/campaign.

In addition to new marketing approaches, a revised program should take into account the interrelationship of housing and other fundamental rights, non-economic issues (such as race and social/psychological problems) that complicate housing entitlement, lessons learned from the failure of the single-payer health care system to gain political ground, and the need for strategic, incremental steps.

Implementing the Right to Housing

The National Low Income Housing Coalition/Low Income Housing Information Service has launched a Housing

Justice Campaign, focusing on creation of a federal housing trust fund financed by limiting homeowner tax benefits.

Discussion centered on the relative benefits of local/state vs. federal right-to-housing strategies, the potential for broadening trust fund sources to include mandatory contributions from housing finance institutions, and the need for a more explicit programmatic focus on housing decommmodification/social housing. (For more information: PNER Cushing Dolbeare, NLIHC, 1012 14th St. N.W. #1200, Wash., DC 20005.)

The Legal Services Homelessness Task Force/National Housing Law Project is beginning a right-to-housing campaign which will involve an initial planning and consultative process with many organizations. The campaign will seek to integrate housing, poverty, and homelessness issues, and will include an advocacy and marketing component.

Discussion focussed on the relationship of this effort to the Housing Justice Campaign and the IPS Right-to-Housing program. (For more information: PNER Mary Ellen Hombs, LSHTF, 122 C St. N.W. #740, Wash., DC 20001.)

Housing advocates within the Clinton Administration emphasize the need for outside organizational pressure to create demand for a right to housing. It is scary when HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros is perceived as the left flank of the housing movement.

Progressive Housing Programs and Strategies: Practical Dilemmas

Many programs that foster social housing, however compromised in their design, are now in place at the federal, state, and local level. Progressive planners, practitioners, and activists who face the challenge of implementing them confront practical dilemmas that call into question basic social housing principles.

The private sector may appear to be more responsive than the social housing sector in meeting housing needs.

For example, recent initiatives to preserve privately owned, federally subsidized "expiring use" projects through conversion to social ownership are fraught with contradictions.

Program costs are prohibitive, since owners must be bought out at market

value; yet tenant and community-based purchasers find themselves colluding with owners to create values that are sufficient to "justify" a sale (e.g., by removing buildings from rent control).

Conventional debt financing and subsidy methods also increase costs; however, a proposed shift to grant financing, while less costly over time, might lose buildings as affordable housing due to lack of funds in the short run.

The lack of social-ownership capacity also limits the number of buildings that can be saved; and social ownership is proving increasingly difficult to sustain absent a culture of social responsibility.

New York City programs fostering conversion of at-risk private housing and city-owned (in rem) housing to social ownership create similar dilemmas.

Community development corporations and other community-based organizations find it difficult to manage their sometimes-conflicting roles as tenant advocates and landlords.

Management of buildings with pervasive social problems, however well-intentioned, is problematic. Few nonprofit groups can attain the volume required to sustain a successful management operation.

Illegal apartments, ranging from granny flats or "accessory apartments" to

illegal SROs, to converted industrial buildings, represent a growing sector of affordable housing in many communities that is not code-compliant.

In places such as New York City, far more units are created annually through illegal conversions than through new housing construction.

This private market response to the demand for cheaper housing is both creative and exploitive. The key dilemma is the issue of standards: Should there be selective enforcement (e.g., of health and safety codes but not occupancy requirements)? Even public exposure of the issue -- a natural response for activists -- could have adverse consequences in this case.

Approaches to Multiracism

HUD's fair housing agenda includes ambitious initiatives, such as the President's new Executive Order, proposed new regulations to affirmatively further fair housing, a proposed federal Fair Housing Council, and the new regional mobility program.

Challenges to implementing this agenda include jurisdictional fragmentation, federal and state deference to local government, and a legal sense that housing is a voluntary municipal endeavor.

More regionalization of housing functions, and emphasis on housing acquisition rather than new construction (which requires local government participation) will help to further fair housing goals.

Because of cutbacks in new subsidized housing construction, regional housing mobility programs using Section 8 certificates/vouchers should be a major focus of efforts to expand housing opportunity.

HUD's current programs have significant limitations, including lack of sufficient up-front assistance, and failure to include race as a component of their locational requirements.

Progressive planners working with community-based organizations in minority neighborhoods often face the dilemma that while organizations are seeking to rebuild the communities, many residents are seeking to move. Who is the client?

PNER Emily Achtenberg (47 Halifax St., Boston, MA 02130, 617/524-3982, fax 617/524-8838) is a consultant to tenant, nonprofit, and government organizations in the preservation of federally subsidized housing.

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development, affordable housing, environmental racism and justice, social services and health care delivery, and community empowerment.

□ **HEALTH CARE:** The Spring 1994 *Social Policy* (33 W. 42nd St. #1212, New York, NY 10036,) is a special issue on the "Health Care Debate, 1994: New Frameworks for Change." "Movement Agendas" for health care will appear in the subsequent issue. Subscriptions to the quarterly are \$20. Separately, *Social Policy* has been honored with a 1994 Utne Reader Alternative Press Award for Special Interest Magazine.

□ **ENVIRONMENTALISTS/HIGH SCHOOL:** Jessica Wang and Jessica Knecht (10292 Pariett Pl., Cupertino, CA 95014) are co-presidents of Lynbrook High School's environmental club, Lynbrook Environmental Activists Federation. LEAF consists of about 30 members, and its main purpose is to educate students, provide volunteer activities, and increase school awareness of environmental problems (including specific

companies which violate the environment). The club is very interested in participating with others in volunteer activities and in receiving information on environmental issues.

□ **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT:** The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #1010, Wash., DC 20009, 202/986-7898) has begun publishing a bimonthly newsletter, *NCRC Reinvestment Compendium*. No price listed.

□ **PLANNING ESSAYS/HIGH SCHOOL:** *Planning Commissioners Journal* (Box 4295, Burlington, VT 05406, 802/864-9083) is sponsoring a high school essay contest on the theme, "Building the Future," with cash prizes for the top three entries. Contact the *Journal* for details; submission deadline is December 15.

□ **POVERTY/CITY HALL:** The National League of Cities Publication Center (Box 421, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701, 301/725-4299) has copies of a 30-page report, *Poverty and Economic Development: Views from City Hall*. Copies are \$15.

1995 PN Conference

Save the Dates

May 19-20-21
Friday-Saturday-Sunday
(Tentative Scheduling)

East St. Louis, IL

☐ **WORLD BANK/IMF CAMPAIGN:** A coalition of more than 35 environment, development, religious, labor, and student organizations has organized a "50 Years Is Enough" campaign against development policies of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, which the campaign says uproot and further impoverish the poor, plunder the environment, and block true, sustainable economic growth. The campaign is seeking Congressional rejection of Clinton Administration requests of \$100 million for the IMF's Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility and \$23.3 million for paid-in capital to the World Bank/IBRD. Details: Media Coordinator Jacquie Cainan, 1025 Vermont Ave. N.W. #300, Wash., DC 20005, 202/879-3187, e-mail: wb50years@igc.apc.org.

☐ **WORKING AMERICA:** The Economic Policy Institute is publishing a forthcoming, 367-page book, *The State of Working America, 1994-95*, by Lawrence Mishel and Jared Bernstein. Copies: M.E. Sharpe, 800/541-6563; price unavailable.

☐ **LAND USE MANUAL:** The Program for Community Problem Solving (915 15th St. N.W. #600, Wash., DC 20005, 202/783-2961) has published a guidebook, *Pulling Together: A Land Use and Development Consensus Building Manual*, for community leaders working through conflicts between developers, citizens, government, and other interest groups. Copies are \$34.

☐ **TUFTS INSTITUTE PAPER:** October 14 is the deadline for applications for the Richard Schramm Paper on Community Development, by a community development practitioner, for presentation at the June 1995 Tufts Univ. Management and Community Development Institute. Selection carries a \$2,500 stipend. Contact: Ruth Gore, 617/627-3549.

☐ **JOBS NEWSLETTER/BAY AREA:** *Opportunity Nocs* is a weekly newsletter from the Management Center (870 Market St. #800, San Francisco, CA 94102, 415/362-9735) with job announcements from Northern California (primarily Bay Area) nonprofits. Individual subscriptions begin at \$16 for three months.

☐ **MANAGEMENT TRAINING:** December 5 is the application deadline for the spring Leadership and Management Program for Community-Based Development (February 27-March 5 and May 15-21) of the Development Training Institute, 2500 Maryland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21218. Contact:

Erna Perkins, 410/338-2512 ext. 152.

☐ **WOMEN/POVERTY:** The Massachusetts Women's Statewide Legislative Network (37 Temple Pl. 3rd Flr., Boston, MA 02111, 617/426-1878) has published a report, *Glass Ceilings and Bottomless Pits: Women, Income, and Poverty in Massachusetts*, by PNER Chris Tilly and Randy Albelda. The report analyzes barriers to women in the labor market and reasons for single-mothers' poverty, and argues that AFDC should be preserved and strengthened. Copies are \$10.

☐ **HOMELESSNESS:** The Vol. 37, No. 4 *American Behavioral Scientist*, edited by David Snow and Gerald Bradford, is a special issue on "Broadening Perspectives on Homelessness," with contributions by Kim Hopper, Jim Baumohl, Luisa Stark, and Gary Blasi. Copies are \$14 from: Sage Publications, 2455 Teller Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91320, 805/499-0721.

☐ **BRUNER AWARD:** December 2 is the application deadline for the 1995 Rudy Bruner Award for Excellence in the Urban Environment. The \$50,000 award recognizes urban places that successfully reconcile social, economic, and aesthetic values throughout the development process. Applications: The Bruner Foundation, 560 Broadway #507, New York, NY 10012, 212/334-9844.

☐ **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** *The Pathway Towards Sustainable Development and Sustainable Urban Forms*, by Igor Vojnovic, is a 45-page report which suggests that an optimal allocation of resources through correct pricing could be a main policy initiative in fulfilling the equity conditions required for advancement toward sustainable development. Copies are \$7 (Canadian) from: Centre for Urban and Community Studies, 455 Spadina Ave. #426, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2G8, Canada, 416/978-2072.

☐ **HOMELESSNESS/TEACHING GUIDE:** The Atlantic Street Center (2103 S. Atlantic St., Seattle, WA 98144, 206/329-2050) has published *Learning About Homeless Children, Youth, and Families: A Teaching Guide*. Copies are \$5.

☐ **SOCIAL CHANGE NEWSLETTER:** DataCenter (464 19th St., Oakland, CA 94612, 510/835-4692) publishes a newsletter, *On the Line*, in its work as a nonprofit social justice research center providing information on progressive social change. No price listed.

☐ **INDUSTRY STUDIES:** *Understanding State Economies Through Industry Studies*, by John M. Redman, is a book from the Council of Governors' Policy Advisors, which analyzes how state governments study their primary industries, with an eye to state economic development research and policy formulation. Copies are \$20.45 from: NGA Publications, Box 421, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

☐ **WORKING PAPERS LIST:** The Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research of Northwestern Univ. (2040 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60208) has a Spring 1994 Working Papers catalogue, with such entries as "Poverty, Race and Inequality," "Feminist Public Policy," and "Health Policy."

□ **URBAN POVERTY:** *New Directions for Reducing Urban Poverty* is a new newsletter on research, resources, and program ideas from the Urban Poverty, Economic Development and Cities Project of the National League of Cities, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20004, 202/626-3030. Contact: Phyllis Furdell; likely free.

□ **HOMELESSNESS/SURVEY:** *Life-Time and Five-Year Prevalence of Homelessness in the U.S.*, by Bruce Link and others, is a 21-page (plus tables) report of a national self-reporting survey, showing the magnitude of the problem to be far greater than previous enumerations had reported. Copies: Bruce Link, Box 47, 722 W. 168th St., New York, NY 10032. No price listed.

Upcoming Conferences

□ **MILITARY CONVERSION:** Economists Allied for Arms Reduction is hosting an informal working conference for academics and researchers September 30-October 1 at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Organizers include PNER Ann Markusen, Bill Weida, Jeff Dumas, and Alice Slater. Details: Alice Slater, ECAAR, 212/768-2080.

□ **LIVABLE CITIES:** The 16th International Making Cities Livable Conference will take place November 29-December 3 in Carmel, CA, and focus on four themes: "Regenerating the Heart of the City," "Creating New Urban Neighborhoods," "Managing Growth," and "Urban Design Approaches to Healing the City." Details: Suzanne Crowhurst Lennard, Box 7568, Carmel, CA 93921, 408/626-9080, fax 408/624-5126.

□ **WRITING WORKSHOP:** PNER Louise Dunlap (617/547-6881) will present a four-hour writing workshop, "Empowering Our Written Voice," November 3 in Phoenix, prior to the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning convention. The 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. workshop will meet at the ACSP conference hotel; registration is \$45; participants should bring five copies of up to 500 words from a work in progress.

□ **LAND TRUSTS:** The Institute for Community Economics (57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, 413/746-8660) will sponsor a conference November 3-5 in Hartford, CT, on community land trusts.

□ **COOPERATIVES/CALIFORNIA:** The Center for Cooperatives (Univ. of California, Davis, CA 95616, 916/752-2408) and the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives/Far Western Chapter will sponsor a conference October 13 in Sacramento on "Down to Business: Understanding California Cooperatives." Registration is \$150.

□ **STATE TAX CREDITS/NONPROFITS:** The Union Institute's Center for Public Policy (1731 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #300, Wash., DC 20009, 202/667-1313) and the Missouri Department of Economic Development are sponsoring a conference November 17-18 in Kansas City, MO, on "Sustaining Nonprofits through Tax Credit Partnerships: A Regional Workshop on State Neighborhood Assistance Programs." Such programs provide tax credits to businesses for

contributions to community-based nonprofits.

□ **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** A conference on sustainable communities, "Creating Community Sustainability Across America," will be held November 16-19 in Silver Spring, MD, outside Washington, DC. Details: Community Sustainability Resource Institute, Box 11343 Takoma Park, MD 20913, 301/588-7227.

□ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #524, Wash., DC 20009, 202/234-5009) will present a conference October 5-8 in Chicago on "Bringing Community Development Home."

□ **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT:** New York Law School will sponsor a conference October 7 in New York on "Community Reinvestment and Fair Lending: Into the 21st Century." Details: Prof. Rick Marsico, 57 Worth St., New York, NY 10013, 212/431-2180.

□ **FAIR HOUSING:** HUD's Fair Housing Information Clearinghouse is midway through a series of six symposia on "Fair Housing Planning in America." Still upcoming are San Francisco, September 21-23, 415/873-3550; San Antonio, September 26-28, 800/648-4462; and Atlanta, October 17-19, 800/329-7466. Earlier sessions were in Chicago, 800/233-1234; Hartford, 800/333-3333; and St. Louis, 314/231-8100.

□ **HOUSING/ANTIPOVERTY:** "The First National Conference on Housing Mobility as an Anti-Poverty Strategy" will be held October 20-22 in Washington, DC, with government officials, researchers, and practitioners as participants. Logistics/registration: Natalie Shear, 1629 K St. N.W. #802, Wash., DC 20006, 800/833-1354; program: Carolyn Farrow-Garland, 804/978-1986.

Calls for Papers

□ **LATINOS/SOCIETY:** The Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Development and Public Policy at UMass-Boston is publishing a special issue of the *New England Journal of Public Policy* on "Latinos in a Changing Society," and is seeking 6,000/8,000-word papers. Contact (right away): Diana Negrón, Gastón Institute, Univ. of Massachusetts, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125, 617/287-5790.

□ **URBAN SPACE:** The Urban Planning Ph.D. program at Columbia Univ. (Avery Hall 4th Fl., New York, NY 10027, 212/854-3513, fax 212/864-0410, e-mail: rfm9@columbia.edu) is soliciting papers from graduate students in Urban Planning and all related fields for a conference October 14 in New York on "New Conceptions of Urban Space," including the hyper-ghetto, cyberspace and the space of flows, and public space/private space. One-page abstracts should be sent or faxed immediately.

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.

☐ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust (Box 8998, 290 E. Broadway, Jackson Hole, WY 83001, 307/739-0665), which focuses on owner-occupied housing and the community land trust model, is seeking an Executive Director. Salary starts at \$34,000.

☐ **UC-SANTA CRUZ FACULTY:** The Board of Environmental Studies of UC-Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, CA 95064) has openings for two faculty: a senior-level position in conservation biology and ecology, and a junior-level position in restoration ecology. Contact: Michael Soulé.

☐ **SOLID WASTE/TOXICS:** The Center for the Biology of Natural Systems (Queens College/CUNY, Flushing, NY 11367, 718/670-4180) is seeking economists (or economically oriented engineers) for research projects on the economic aspects of environmentally sound solutions to problems of solid waste management and toxic pollution. Contact: Barry Commoner, Director.

☐ **UCLA FACULTY:** The Urban Planning Department in UCLA's School of Public Policy and Social Research (Los Angeles, CA 90024) has a faculty opening in its Environmental Analysis and Policy area. Contact: Marsha Brown, fax 310/206-5566).

☐ **LISC STAFF:** The Local Initiatives Support Corporation has openings in several offices: Program Director and Assistant Program Officer (Louisiana); Assistant Program Officer (Arkansas): Sandra Rosenblith, LISC, 1825 K St. N.W. #909, Wash., DC 20006; Program Officer (Miami): Claire Raley, Greater Miami LISC, 1390 Brickell Ave. #270, Miami, FL 33131; Program Director (Mon Valley): Richard Mason, LISC, 733 Third Ave. 8th Flr., New York, NY 10017, 212/455-9800.

☐ **INTERNSHIPS:** Grassroots Policy Project (2040 S St. N.W. #203, Wash., DC 20009, 202/387-2933) is offering this fall full-time, three/four-month, paid, public internships, linking policy research and political theory to grassroots environmental, social justice, and union efforts.

☐ **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** The Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20007, 202/342-0519) has an opening for an Organizational Development Specialist for increasing the capacity of community-based organizations in low-income communities.

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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□ **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:** The Chinese Community Housing Corp. (1525 Grant Ave., San Francisco, CA 94133) is seeking a Director of Property Management. Salary is in low/mid-\$50s.

□ **CTAC STAFF:** The Community Training and Assistance Center (30 Winter St., Boston, MA 02108, 617/423-1444) is seeking a Director of Community Development, a Senior Associate in Community Development, and a Coordinator of its Management Information Center. CTAC, a 14-year-old minority-controlled organization, develops leadership, planning, and managerial skills in low-income urban communities.

□ **PROGRAM ANALYSTS/HUD:** HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity has openings for two Program Analysts, one knowledgeable about property lending issues and the mortgage lending process, the other about insurance issues and the insurance underwriting process. Contact: Greg Squires, 202/708-2904.

□ **PROJECT DIRECTOR:** The Partnership for Neighborhood

Initiatives (2600 Quantum Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33426, 407/624-4960) has an opening for a Project Director for its work in building healthier, more competent communities in six low-income neighborhoods in Palm Beach County. Salary is \$38,000-\$44,000. Contact: Tenna Wiles.

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□ **NOVEMBER DEADLINE:** The arrival deadline for copy for the next *Planners Network* is Monday, November 7. Be sure to use our new address: Planners Network/Pratt GCPE, 379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205, 718/636-3486, fax 718/636-3709. 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 #108 copy: Monday, November 7.

Letter from the PN Editor

Dear Networkers:

This is the last issue of *Planners Network* to be edited in Washington, DC. Starting with the next issue in November, I will be editing PN in New York.

Thanks to PNER Ron Shiffman, we will be based at The Pratt Institute Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment, and all future correspondence should be sent to us there. Our new address: Planners Network/Pratt GCPE, 379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205, 718/636-3486, fax 718/636-3709.

I would like to invite all Networkers to get in touch with me with your ideas, suggestions, and contributions for the newsletter. If PN is to continue to provide valuable information and help make the links between planning professionals, academics, and community activists, it has to function as a real network of indi-

viduals.

Once we get the logistics of producing the newsletter down, I hope to make some changes in style and content, like organizing items by category and expanding the Special Features.

I would also like to explore ways to get the newsletter to more campuses, and into the nooks and crannies where progressive professionals and activists feel isolated, an increasingly common feeling these days. Your input and ideas are welcome.

Since there no longer will be a separate Special Features editor, your ideas, opinions, and thoughtful analyses should be sent to me in New York.

I would like to thank Chester Hartman for the many years and valuable guidance he gave to the Planners Network newsletter since its founding. I look forward to working with the new and revitalized Steering Committee. Also, many thanks to Prentice Bowsher for his commitment over the years.

-- Tom Angotti

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