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THE SEVENTH GENERATION

GOP Aims to Shut Out Poor

by Rep. Nydia Velazquez
(D-New York City)

In 1890, Jacob Riis' groundbreaking book *How the Other Half Lives* chronicled the lives of thousands of families living in squalor in New York City. A horrified public cried out for reform, and the public housing movement was born. More than 100 years have passed since Riis' book, and although hundreds of thousands of people still live in the direst of circumstances, the loudest voices being heard today are those crying out for the dismantling of public housing.

Earlier this year, the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives pushed through HR.2, a bill sponsored by Rep. Rick Lazio that claims to be an overhaul of public housing. On September 26th, the Senate passed its version of this so-called overhaul, which would in fact end this nation's longstanding commitment to public housing.

While many housing projects are beset with problems, we must understand that public housing remains the best hope for millions of families. The Department of Housing and Urban Development reports that there are 5.3 million families in a state of "severe housing crisis," and most households in see **7th Generation** on page 8 >

SPECIAL FOCUS

PUBLIC HOUSING

How to fix public housing? Conservatives want to demolish or privatize it. What are progressives to do?

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PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS CONFRONT DEREGULATION

Strengthening Resident Capacity in New York City

by Victor Bach and Sara Hovde

In New York City, public housing tenants stopped a privatization proposal in an unprecedented mobilization effort. But without continuing vigilance and technical support, public housing tenants will find themselves left out of decisions that directly affect their lives.

National Context

If the federal devolution of public housing becomes a reality, resident leaders will face new and daunting challenges. Current Senate and House bills — S.462 and HR.2 — will deregulate public housing, giving local housing authorities unprecedented powers, relatively free of federal regulation. Under con-

tinued Washington belt-tightening, authorities will use these prerogatives to manage their assets in ways that remove public housing as a resource for low-income people.

Under the proposed legislation, each authority can change rent levels (up to 30 percent of income), set admission preferences, and plan for privatization, sale, or demolition in individual developments. Resident leaders will need to press for seats at the planning table. More than ever, they will need to stay on top of changes and position themselves so their voice is heard not only at required public hearings, but on all critical matters. Most authorities will resist open access to information and real resident participation. It will not be easy.

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Mia Gray writes from her new home in Cambridge, UK: "Just a quick note to let you know how much I enjoyed the last newsletter. I think it's the best one yet — integrated, well-written, and (certainly) well-edited! Good job, or as they say here, well done! Things are well here — incredibly intense, but I'm slowly getting into the routine and exploring the local issues."

Hazel Dayton Gunn writes: "I am Managing Editor of the Review of Radical Political Economics based in the City and Regional Planning Department at Cornell University. I encourage scholarly submissions from members of Planners Network that reflect alternatives to economic orthodoxy. 1998 will be the Review's 30th year of publication. If you are attending the ASSA meetings in Chicago, join us for a celebratory reception Jan. 3 at 5:30p in the Hyatt. For more information contact me at CRP, 106 W. Sibley Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. EMAIL: <hg18@cornell.edu>

Tasha Harmon <cdn@teleport.com> wrote to the pn-net listserv: "Kathy Salamat, of the National Law Center on Homelessness, asked us for info. on exclusionary zoning. We have very little info on this subject. Do any of you have expertise on this subject that you'd have some time to share? Is anyone tracking exclusionary zoning? Ok to reply to us via e-mail, or call Kathy Salamat at 202/638-2535." Tasha works for the Community Development Network, 2627 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., #202, Portland, OR 97212 PHONE: (503) 335-9884 FAX: (503) 335-9862. Tasha also wrote to say she is glad to be getting the newsletter again after a having missed some issues due to a mix-up. Glad we found you!

Daniel Lauber of Planning/Communications in River Forest, IL, emailed us to say, "I just wanted to congratulate you on the fabulous Sept/Oct issue of *Planners Network*. This is better than anything published by APA."

New PNER **Britt Parrot** thanks us for the sample of issue #125 we sent. "As a graduate student in planning at Portland State, I'm involved in a group looking into the issues with welfare reform — my particular area is transportation: access to jobs. Keep up the good work."

Robert Samuels is currently with the Roper Polling Organization in Westchester, N.Y., after working for the New York City Council. Regards!

Updates like this one from **Troy West** of Sustainable Design Associates in Newark, NJ should inspire all you PNERs who haven't written in a while: "I have and am having a busy year. We won First Prize for the Westport, Connecticut Train Station Design Studios Competition in February. We are continuing to work on a light rail for Southern Rhode Island, linking Westerly in the West to the Peace Dale Narragansett area in the East, with a major station stop at Charlestown. It will be one of the first rural light rail projects but is an alternative to the car sprawl development that all agree is destroying our countrysides. We won Second Prize for the Atlantic City CRDA-sponsored Affordable Housing Competition, and are pursuing green architecture infill housing there. We are spending a lot of time helping Save the Park at Riverbank (SPARK) to save this jewel in the Ironbound section of Newark. My students, with the community, are sponsoring a Recreation Round Table for all to voice their needs." Write to Troy at Sustainable Design Associates, 60 Union St. 4N, Newark, NJ 07105.

Thank you to all PNERs who sent in updates for this issue. As the new Membership Editor for PN I look forward to hearing from all of you. Feel free to drop us a line, via post or e-mail, letting us know what you are up to: new job, new book/publication, comments, etc.

—*Dalila Hall* <dhall@pratt.edu>

Welcome...

new **PLANNERS NETWORK** members!

Julie Burkley, Denise Chaffee, J. H. Crawford, Intan Kencana Dewi, John Elsdon, Shawn Escoffery, Bradley Flamm, Lesley Henegar, Shane P. Holton, Suzanne Ise, Abby Jordan, Jane Holtz Kay, Amy Klein, Wanda Mills, Elizabeth Mueller, Anthony M. Ng, Britt Parrott, Polly C. Peterson, Annette Stone, Chien-Hung "Andy" Tung, David Walters, & Baye Wilson.

... and a special **welcome** to the new members who joined at the 1997 Annual Conference in Pomona, California:

Ketsia Colinet, Andrew Crabtree, Eva DeLaRosa, Michael B. Dollin, Robin Elkin, Alan Felzer, Angelica Hernandez, Carisa LaCrosse, Marina Lounsbury, John F. McIntosh, Mona Miyasato, Gina Natoli, Tonya Pace, and Dr. James A. Segedy.

...and lastly,
Thank You
renewing members!

Donna Bird, Ray Bromley, Pat Canavan, Nadinne Cruz, Bruce Dale, Linda Davidoff, Cassandra Ecker, Hazel Dayton Gunn, Chester Hartman, Benjamin Kleinberg, Jackie Leavitt, Lucenia M. Marquez, Vicki Mayster, Ann Meyerson, David W. Morton, Raoul Pierre-Louis, Alan Rabinowitz, Katharine N. Rankin, Michael Replogle, Claribel Rodriguez-Vera, Fred Rose, Robert Samuels, Thomas W. Sanchez, Alice Shabecoff, Sylvia Star-Lack, Patricia Swann, and Troy West.

PNERs! With this issue, over 300 members have lapsed from the current roster, and we've printed their names on page 21. If you are in contact with any of them, remind them that donations are now tax-deductible!

PN NEWS

PN CHAPTERS

Champaign-Urbana

University of Illinois students inspired by their participation in the 1997 PN Conference in Pomona have organized a Greater Champaign-Urbana Chapter of Planners Network. Dave Finet and Cathy Klump, two conference participants, organized a founding meeting for the local chapter in September which twenty-five planning students and faculty attended. At this meeting, Ken Reardon gave a brief presentation on the evolution of progressive planning which described the efforts of Patrick Geddes, the RPAA, the Newtown program of the Resettlement Administration, Planners for Equality, Urban Planning Aid, and Planners Network.

In October a dozen PN Chapter members participated in a "Shantytown" demonstration held on the UIUC Quad to draw campus and community attention to the plight of homelessness in our community. Ken Reardon of our chapter was one of the two featured speakers at this event. In November, twenty-five PN Chapter members traveled by van to Chicago to meet with religious leaders of The Woodlawn Organization to discuss the opportunities and challenges of faith-based organizing and development. This event was organized by Ms. Marla Jones who arranged for Bishop Arthur Brazier of Covenant Assembly Church and Rev. Leon Finney, two long-time civil rights activists, to address our group.

Several dozen PN Members will spend the weekend on November 16-16 in East St. Louis volunteering their time and energy to support local community development efforts in this community, East St.

Louis was the site of the 1995 Planners Network National Conference which 325 people attended. PN Members with friends and/or colleagues living in Central Illinois should encourage them to contact Ken Reardon regarding future PN Chapter Activities, (217) 244-5384, and EMAIL: <kmjr@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu>.

New York

New York area PNers are again sponsoring their Network Forum Series during this Fall and Spring. A total of seven public forums on progressive planning issues are being held at the downtown Manhattan Campus of Pratt Institute, in the Puck Building.

About 50 people attended each of the first two forums, "Youth and Crime: Beyond the Scapegoat Generation," and "As the Dust Settles: The Emerging Shape of Federal Housing Policy."

The December 12th Network Forum will feature "A Conversation with Robert Yaro: What's Progressive About the Third Regional Plan," moderated by Ron Shiffman, Director of the Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development. Yaro is Executive Director of the private, nonprofit Regional Plan Association, which released its Third Regional Plan earlier this year.

New York PNers are working hard to put together four Network Forums for the Spring. 1998 is the UN's International Year of the Elderly, and one network forum will focus on planning for the elderly. New York City is proceeding with plans to close Fresh Kills Landfill in 2002, its only means of disposing of residential waste, and current plans rely solely on export. PNNY will bring together local activists, environmentalists, solid waste and recycling professionals, and planners to initiate a broad discussion of other alternatives. Two other network forums will focus on comprehensive community initiatives and planning for public health.

Lost and Found Chapters

New local chapters are being reestablished in the Research Triangle and Seattle. In the past, there have also been local PNers in Austin, Boston, Ithaca, Washington, D.C., and other cities. If you and other PNers are creating a new local chapter, send us news of your progress for the newsletter. If you want to start a local chapter, contact Membership Editor **Dalila Hall** <dhall@pratt.edu> for information about other PNers in your area.

LETTERS WANTED

Since its inception, *Planners Network* has been devoted to covering a broad range of issues of interest to planners, advocates, and educators. As a voice of left-of-center planning, we try to print articles that will provoke action and speak to important issues that aren't well covered by other publications. The editors and the Steering Committee don't necessarily agree with all the opinions expressed in each article or commentary, nor do we expect our readers to. Indeed, if you agree with everything we print, we probably aren't doing our job.

So, when you read PN and see a fact that bears further comment or clarification, or an opinion that provokes you to a vigorous response, we hope you'll take the time to write a Letter to the Editor to express your views, whether they be in affirmation or disagreement.

The success of PN has come largely through members' input, and for many years much of the substantial news, ideas, and debate that have appeared in these pages has been in the form of your letters.

Act now. Send your Letters to the Editor to **Mike Darrow**, Assistant Editor, EMAIL: <mdarrow@pratt.edu>.

Letters should be 200 words or less. See page 22 for further guidelines. The strength of our organization has always come from members' action.

NEWS ...continued

PN PUBLICATION ON PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY- BASED PLANNING

We are looking for core studies and analyses of progressive community-based planning in the U.S. and around the world for publication in a book by Planners Network. Contact Tom Angotti at the national office if you are interested in contributing to this project.

ACSP 1997

Planners Network's November 7 reception at the annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) in Florida was a big success. Scores of academicians, drained by days of intellectual banter, flocked to the down-to-earth PN event and its free-flowing cash bar. PN reached a new height in political ecumenism when a nationally-known leader of the Manhattan Institute, a right-wing think tank, was allowed to nosh cheese and crackers and break celery sticks.

GOING TO BRAZIL

Planners Network has been invited to organize a delegation to participate in a 1998 conference in Brazil on progressive community-based planning. The conference is being organized by activists who have worked with progressive local governments elected by the Workers Party and other left parties. If interested, contact Steering Committee members Tom Angotti or Ken Reardon.

PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS CONFRONT DEREGULATION

Lessons from New Zealand

by Jacqueline Leavitt

In New Zealand, there is no nonprofit third sector between public housing and the market. Tenants are organizing to keep rents down, limit privatization and create new "third-stream" alternatives.

The Labour Party: The Unlikely Handmaiden

In 1984, under the Fourth Labour Party government, New Zealand became the cradle of the great experiment in privatization, sold its assets and to paraphrase Jane Kelsey's aptly titled book, rolled back the state. Little formal opposition was initially voiced to this officially sanctioned public disinvestment. After Labour turned government-owned enterprises (including Electricity, Telecommunications, Coal) into business corporations and sold these assets to the private sector, the National Party returned to power in 1990. Their attention turned to non-commercial areas that many New Zealanders consider birthrights — housing, education, and health. This market orientation was not reversed when the New Zealand First Party, with strong Maori support, formed an alliance with National after the 1996 elections.

New Zealand — The Extreme

Privatization (a.k.a. commercialization, corporatization) efforts are starkly revealed in New Zealand because: (1) the governmental structure is central and local with no state/province intermediaries, and (2) the policy is sharply framed — individual needs are to be met through the private sector without state intervention.

Apart from impressive community organization among Maori, and an ongoing religious presence among the homeless, nonprofits and community-based organizations are the exception.

Baldly put, official housing policy is: tenants who cannot afford rent raises in high-priced areas should find somewhere else to live. Limited state assistance through a targeted income supplement is insufficient to meet the rent increases. This assistance contrasts dramatically with the state policies that helped many achieve the "New Zealand dream" of homeownership in the post-World War II period. During that time, public housing served as a lever: tenants paid lower rents, saved money when their income streams were less, and then bought houses with state-subsidized mortgages. Today's privatization policies remove the housing buffer at a time when full employment no longer exists and other state-provided benefits are shrinking.

To fully appreciate this situation from the vantage point of progressive housers/community developers in the United States, imagine the following: no federal funds of any sort, no state or local funding to replace federal dollars, no national foundations as resources of last resort, no or few nonprofits to provide models and offer prototypes, and few community organizers.

State and Local Structures

The Housing Restructuring Act of 1992 reorganized the housing owned, financed, and administered by the central government. The non-commercial Housing see **New Zealand on page 9** >

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New York City: Experience with the Moving to Work Application

This capacity-building approach is at an early stage in New York City, but without the blessing of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). Public housing residents number 181,000 households — 600,000 people in 342 developments — almost the same population as the entire city of San Francisco. Yet leaders lack information about pending policy decisions — at both Washington and local levels — and the technical resources that could strengthen their influence in decisions that profoundly affect their housing and communities.

NYCHA has a nationally-recognized 60-year record of high performance. But its official resident advisory structure — the Interim Council of Presidents (ICOP) — is largely ineffective. HUD regulations require election every 3 years, but none have been held since 1992 when ICOP was created. Convened at NYCHA's initiative, ICOP functions without by-laws or openly scheduled meetings. Despite the recent heated national debate over public housing — and local plans in process — ICOP has not kept residents informed or developed an independent resident position or strategy. Hard-working residents lead tenant associations at the development level, but the citywide governance structure frustrates effective involvement in NYCHA policy making.

NYCHA provides some information to tenants, but it is limited and tightly controlled. A bilingual monthly newspaper goes to all developments, but many leaders find it does not meet their needs. Production and content are controlled by NYCHA. Significant federal or local initiatives are either not covered or given inadequate, biased treatment. NYCHA

staff assistance to resident leaders is of limited use when the authority is the target of resident concerns.

The "wall" between NYCHA decision-making and resident leaders was made dramatically clear in the authority's early 1997 draft application to HUD for the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program. Since MTW was an open door to federal deregulation, a citywide campaign by several advocacy organizations got the word to residents and spurred early requests by community leaders for inclusion in the application process — as HUD required. NYCHA never responded.

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NYCHA's draft application called for federal deregulation and contained some controversial proposals: ending rent ceilings, which would impose 60-percent increases on many working households; and targeting certain developments for higher income tenants. Yet the draft was made available for "viewing" in late April, only two weeks before the HUD-required hearing, and only at NYCHA offices. The Authority refused resident requests for distribution. Through the efforts of a city-wide network of resident leaders and advocates, word quickly spread about the application provisions and the scheduled hearings. Otherwise, a public hearing announcement in the classifieds of local newspapers might have

gone unnoticed.

The May hearing was filled to overcapacity by 700 residents, with 60 leaders unanimously testifying against its key provisions and denouncing NYCHA for its secrecy. The mobilization of public housing tenants was unprecedented. Two days later the authority withdrew its MTW application. Over the long term, the victory added momentum to the efforts of a growing network of resident leaders who are working with organizations that provide technical support.

Lessons For Policy

Our experience underlines the importance of independent technical assistance to strengthen resident involvement in authority decisions as public housing devolves and local authorities assume wider planning powers. Federal funding for technical assistance must be an essential component of legislating devolution. These funds should be allocated directly to resident structures — without local authority oversight, possibly through a neutral intermediary — to make it possible for them to assume the independent, mature role in public housing governance that is their right.

Local resident leadership has a critical role to play in the future of public housing across the country. Planners can strengthen resident capacity by providing them with independent, reliable channels of information and technical and organizing assistance that relates directly to resident concerns and their institutional context. They can help connect residents so they can pursue their mutual interests.

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IT'S HOUSING, NOT PUBLIC HOUSING

By Timothy Ross

Progressives face a dilemma in thinking about public housing. Many progressives support public housing because it helps low income people who are otherwise disadvantaged. Indeed, over a million people live in public housing projects, and most are the very poor with few other options.

As currently constructed, however, public housing functions to concentrate poverty. There is strong evidence that concentrated poverty exacerbates the difficulties of low income people. So where should progressives stand on public housing?

It is neither compelling nor sufficient to say that public housing would work if only the program rules were changed, if more money were put toward rehabilitating existing projects, and if management improved. Nor is the line that Sudhir Venkatesh pursues in October's *American Prospect* that "Public housing doesn't look so bad when the alternative is to be thrown into the low end of the private housing market" especially attractive. Defending public housing because there are no adequate alternatives is the stand of a defiant but desperate martyr.

In fashioning a position on public housing and other issues, progressives need to take the following three things into account: the political constituencies for policy positions, the arguments that most effectively recruit new followers to the progressive banner, and the positive possibilities encapsulated in a progressive vision for the future.

Public housing attracts only a narrow political constituency. By and large, the upper and middle classes do not want to pay for what they perceive as a failed program, working class people often resist

the placement of projects in their neighborhoods, and many lower income people living in public housing would rather reside some place else. The last fact in particular makes public housing difficult to defend.

Progressives should refrain from talking about public housing as a separate entity. This is not to forget about the people who live in public housing, many of whom fight heroic battles to improve their communities. Rather, progressives need to

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focus on housing policy as a whole, not on one program that has a weak constituency and other severe liabilities.

Progressives win when they talk about corporate responsibility in an era of enormous profits. Progressives win when they point out the bitter irony of homelessness when the Warren Buffets and Ross Perots of the nation sit on multi-billion dollar nest eggs. They win when they talk about income inequality and the need for the average American working person to receive his or her fair share of the pie. In the larger picture, a big part of the country's political future will be the evolving response of the lower middle and working classes to economic restructuring. Emphasizing income inequality plays to progressive strengths and exploits the

weaknesses of the conservative coalition.

How does this relate to housing policy? At every turn, progressives need to emphasize the regressive nature of the mortgage interest tax deduction. Peter Dreier and John Atlas, in a recent article in the *Journal of Urban Affairs* point out that 44% of the value of mortgage interest tax deductions (over \$22 billion) goes to the 5% of the population that makes over \$100,000 per annum. The 65% of the population that makes \$40,000 or less garners only 5%. HUD accounts for less than one quarter of the \$113 billion that the nation devotes to housing subsidies. The deductibility of property taxes costs the U.S. Treasury almost \$15 billion a year, and the more valuable the house, the greater the benefit.

If the current distribution of housing subsidies is unjust, what alternative vision do progressives offer in its stead? Increasing the ability of low and middle income families to own their homes is a political necessity, as well as a worthy social and economic objective. Though the banner of homeownership has been used in the past to support regressive policies, progressives should not abandon such a potent idea. Instead, progressives need to promote programs that help create homeownership opportunities for middle and lower income people without increasing government bureaucracy or exploding the budget deficit.

There are many compelling examples of affordable housing that is community based, well built, and has had an enduring impact on neighborhoods, such as the more than 3,000 "Nehemiah" homes built by the East Brooklyn Congregations (EBC) in New York City. Nehemiah attracts between 40-60% of buyers from

public housing, so the program frees up low income units, a benefit that also accrues when private market apartment dwellers buy Nehemiah homes. Independent community organizations in many cities have shown how to build affordable housing by taking advantage of low interest loans, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), and bits and pieces of other federal, state and local programs. Not all nonprofit housing works and it is not necessarily cheap. But success is common enough that progressives can use these examples without apology, a statement not true of public housing.

Housing programs like Nehemiah often work to deconcentrate poverty by anchoring working and middle class families to urban neighborhoods. This expands the pool of potential community activists and increases the political and economic power of lower income neighborhoods. Creating a national community development trust fund, expanding the LIHTC, and providing matching grants for affordable housing projects that meet certain standards of quality and community par-

ticipation are all ways to increase the capacity and production of the nonprofit sector.

The political attractions of making community developed nonprofit housing an important part of progressive housing policy are substantial. According to a Gallup poll cited in the January 1996 edition of *Shelterforce*, only 28% of Americans feel that government should provide solutions for homelessness, while 66% prefer the nonprofit sector.

At the same time, the nonprofit sector works on too small a scale to solve the nation's housing problems. HUD estimates that 5.1 million households face "worst case" housing problems. Any progressive policy vision needs to address the supply and demand sides of middle and lower class housing. While most progressives reject the "filtering" theory that more luxury housing helps improve housing conditions for everyone, substantially increasing the middle and working class housing stock (a much larger market not concentrated in only the most desirable locations) may help alleviate some of the

housing problems of the worst off.

In addition to community based housing, Dreier and Atlas suggest expanding housing voucher programs, providing tax credits to help middle and lower class families purchase homes, and encouraging HUD to speed up conversion of publicly subsidized projects to cooperative housing. The first two programs have the advantage of appealing to real estate developers and the construction industry by raising the possibility that such incentives will fuel the demand for new housing. Upper middle class and wealthy people will continue to purchase houses even in the absence of the mortgage interest and property tax deductions, and millions of Americans would have a new capacity to buy homes. As a whole, such a housing program rests on long standing ideals of homeownership, choice, and community participation. **PN**

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IT'S NOT THE HOUSING, IT'S THE PEOPLE

A Response to Timothy Ross

by Tom Angotti

It's not the housing, Mr. Ross, it's the people. They don't care what kind of housing poor people live in. They just don't like them if they're poor and not white. If there were no people of color in the projects, I'll bet Congress would be giddily appropriating billions to improve them.

It's not public housing. If poor folk all owned one of those wonderful new nonprofit homes, then maybe nonprofits would be the target. Even when poor people own their own homes, their neighborhoods get a raw deal one way or the other (remember urban renewal in the 50's?).

Timothy Ross buys right into all the

prejudices and misinformation spread by the right-wingers leading the attack on public housing. That's why I don't think he speaks for progressives on this issue. There's no dilemma in my mind: privatization of public housing is not intended to help poor people but to make life more miserable for them. We should be fighting to save public housing as part of the wider struggle for equality.

Don't get me wrong. I like nonprofit housing development and home ownership. It does provide needed housing to a lot of people, including some low-income people. But there wouldn't be any non-

profit housing without government subsidies, including huge tax benefits that the rich soak up. (The actual cost to the public of nonprofit housing is greater than the cost of building public housing.) And too many nonprofits are unable to house the very poor, but instead house middle-income people. Too many new middle-income owner-occupied homes are built over the ashes of low-income rental housing.

So I have an idea. Let's have both — public housing and nonprofit homeownership, in infinitely complex mixes. We can walk down the street and chew gum at the

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same time. But don't stay silent on public housing. With our silence, we turn our back on the many tenants and community groups who are fighting to save public housing and we also embolden the right.

Another thing. Where did this notion come from that "there is strong evidence that concentrated poverty exacerbates the difficulties of low-income people?" There are some dubious studies out there, but I've seen a lot more evidence that concentration of poverty and wealth have nothing to do with the quality of life one way or the other. Next time you're in New York, take a walk up Fifth Avenue on Manhattan's Upper East Side, one of the most densely populated districts in the world, and also the richest in the world. Concentrated wealth isn't an issue, so why should concentrated poverty be an issue? Visit our high-rise public housing in New York. It's better maintained than most of the low-income private housing in the city, and comparable in quality to the units maintained by the nonprofit sector. Compare it to some of the dilapidated one- and two-story public housing in sprawled California. Concentration has nothing to do with it.

Another myth is that the defenders of public housing are "defiant but desperate martyr[s]." Give me a break. Since the inception of the public housing program, conservatives have defiantly tried to discredit it. They are motivated by the Social Darwinian philosophy of starving the poor and getting them out of sight: you take away from the poor their means of subsistence — food and shelter for starters — and they'll go away. After all, it's their fault. Now, ever since this paleolithic philosophy made its way into the public arena, there have been a lot of defiant people challenging it. Public housing tenant groups in New York and other cities have been successful in slowing down or

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New York are paying more than 50 percent of their income in rent or live in substandard conditions, or both. New York City's most recent housing survey revealed that more than 300,000 families are on the waiting list for public housing.

This inability to provide adequate housing has had tragic consequences. In April, we saw an illegal rooming-house fire claim the lives of four Polish immigrants. There have been published reports of children waking up in terror, having been bitten by rats, stories of people spending exorbitant sums to live in vermin-infested boiler rooms, and accounts of thousands upon thousands of illegal living quarters that resemble the storage holds of cargo ships.

The bottom line is this — we must renew a commitment we made generations ago to provide safe, clean, affordable housing for our nation's poorest citizens. Lazio's bill fails terribly in that regard. Most alarming is HR. 2's "profile targeting" provision, under which only 35 percent of the total number of housing units will serve families making less than \$10,000 per year. Currently, 75 percent of all units are occupied by such families. Using these guidelines, it would be years before public housing authorities would

stalling the privatization. We're losing the national battle right now. But please don't ridicule us as martyrs. Help us to expose to the public how mean-spirited and deceptive the masters of public policy have been, and what really motivates them.

You're certainly right that "public housing attracts only a narrow political constituency." In fact, eliminating poverty by any means is not a big vote-getter these days. But in the age of "greed is good," if the middle and upper classes hate housing the poor with public money, what makes you think they're going to

be required to admit any new families from the lowest income bracket. No valid claim can be made that we are "reforming" public housing by denying poor families access to clean, safe, affordable housing.

There are many more aspects of the proposal currently before Congress that are cause for serious concern. Among them are provisions that limit tenant participation on public housing boards, exempt all evictions from the grievance process, and impose time limits on how long tenants may remain in public housing. How does silencing the voices of public housing residents, denying due process, and threatening eviction reform the public housing system?

If we are going to reform public housing, we must do so in a fair and reasonable way. We must make affordable housing available to those most in need, and we must provide real economic development opportunities to help families in public housing become self-sufficient. This bill does nothing to address those needs. Last year, the Republicans called our nation's public housing system "the last bastion of socialism." If the Republicans have their way, we may well call our current system "the last bastion of compassion." PN

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want to voluntarily give up the homeowner tax breaks that help distinguish themselves from the poor? That seems like "desperate martyrdom" to the feudal philosophy of noblesse oblige. It's hard to take seriously right-wing proclamations of elite commitment to "fairness." As for corporate responsibility, they're already doing a pretty good job of discrediting the idea that anything besides the bottom line can advance social welfare.

It's you who's not the political realist, Mr. Ross, when you tell us to win over the fat cats. But here's a realistic option. How about helping to convince some of

those middle class folks that if they get together with the poor on labor, housing and lots of other issues they too can come out ahead? By helping to improve the quality of life for the poorest, real wages, including social wages, will rise. By guaranteeing low-income housing, we help establish housing as a right for everyone. And as most of the middle class are aware, they're often only a plant closing away from being low-income.

The conservative majority in Congress is not interested in public housing or anything else that helps poor people and people of color. They may profess great love for the use of tax benefits and nonprofit housing, but it's only because investors and middle-class homeowners continue to walk away with the lion's share of the benefits.

In sum, challenging inequality means challenging the myth that publicly-owned housing is by definition a contributor to poverty; the racist myth that concentration of people of color is by definition a contributor to poverty; and the physical determinist myth of high density.

It's time to tune in to the defenders of public housing and stop repeating the suburban myths about the projects. The defenders of public housing want to improve maintenance and address the broader problems that contribute to the isolation of poor people whether or not they live in public housing — jobs, education, health care, environmental justice and so on. Let's listen to the appeals of tuned-in decisionmakers who have lived in and understood projects, like Rep. Nydia Velazquez.

So Mr. Ross, it's not the housing. It doesn't really matter whether it's public, nonprofit or homeownership. As long as poor people and people of color are in it, Newt and company think it's got to go. And if there's public housing sitting on prime real estate, all the more reason for getting rid of them. Let's take *that* to our middle class. **PN**

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Corporation was taken apart and Housing New Zealand (HNZ) was directed to be "as profitable and efficient as comparable businesses that are not owned by the Crown," and to balance its commercial objective with social concerns. Four years later and after selling about 4,000 units, HNZ owned 66,634 units. In 1996-97, HNZ's net operating revenues showed a surplus after taxes of \$45 million, largely the result of setting rents at market rates, general rental market inflation, and sales, many of which are in prime locations in Auckland and where tenants couldn't afford rent increases.

In addition to HNZ units, some cities provide Council Housing. The three largest metropolitan areas — Auckland, Wellington, and Christ Church — illustrate diverse positions toward privatization. In June 1996, the Auckland City Council passed a resolution to sell its 604 units at market rates and tested the waters in Freemans Bay, a desirable inner city location that once was a stronghold for Maori and Pacific Island households. Wellington's Council, with control over more than 2,000 units, has threatened to sell them each year for the past six years or so, but organized tenants have successfully prevented the Council from passing resolutions. Christchurch City Council, with 387 public housing rental units and 2,174 elderly persons' housing units, voted to allocate about \$8 million (NZ) to increase its affordable housing stock.

Tenant Surveys Show Impacts

Auckland is by far New Zealand's most expensive housing market and the ring of neighborhoods surrounding the inner city steadily gentrifies. The Council sold 604 units (two-thirds of which are concentrated in the inner city's Freemans Bay area) at the same time Housing New Zealand raised rents, diminishing the

overall supply of housing for low income people. Lower rents are more likely to be found further out, increasing travel times to jobs, disrupting use of community services such as halfway houses and medical clinics for psychiatric survivors and Maori language immersion programs in the elementary school across the street, and removing possibilities for single mothers to balance child care, work, and job training. The "squeeze" effect was somewhat abated as long as the moratorium on rent rises occurred in the Housing New Zealand stock. (It was lifted on July 1, 1997.)

Against this backdrop, Patricia Austin and I, with student assistants, developed a survey instrument and between June and August, 1997 interviewed 50 tenants living in either Auckland City Council or Housing New Zealand units, all in proximity to each other in Freemans Bay. The preliminary findings more closely reveal impacts on daily life. Because Housing New Zealand tenants were not yet subjected to an aggressive sales strategy as compared to Council tenants, we were also able to compare responses to privatization policy among tenants with different public landlords. These findings shed light on ways in which tenants view their options, from individual household survival to collective action.

The effects of privatization are enormous when viewed from the perspective of individual households. They include increased stress, and feelings of insecurity and powerlessness. Many households had specifically chosen a public sector landlord in search of stability. Some households had directly or indirectly experienced discrimination in the private sector and reported anxiety about having to face such obstacles again.

Forty-two of the 50 households interviewed had experienced a rent increase or were about to get one when the interviews were conducted. Forty-three of the 50 house- see **New Zealand** on page 12 >

After twenty-two years, Planners Network now has by-laws, a requirement for our status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. Suggestions for changes will be considered at the January 1998 Steering Committee meeting in Brooklyn. Send all suggestions or amendments to the national office.

BY-LAWS OF PLANNERS NETWORK, INC.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership. Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the purposes of the Planners Network. All Members must make an annual financial or other contribution to Planners Network.

Section 2. Meetings. The annual meeting of the Members (the "Annual Meeting") for the transaction of all business as may come before the Members shall be held each year at the place (which may be either within or outside the State of New York), time and date, as may be fixed by the Steering Committee, or, if not so fixed, as may be determined by the Chairperson(s) of the Steering Committee. Special meetings shall be held whenever called by resolution of no less than three Steering Committee members, the Chairperson(s), or by a written demand of no less than 5% of the Members to the Chairperson(s).

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of the place, date and hour of any meeting shall be given to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting by mailing the notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by personal delivery, not less than ten nor more than fifty days before the date of the meeting. Notice of special meetings shall indicate the purpose for which they are called and the person or persons calling the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum, Adjournments of Meetings. At all meetings of the Members, a majority of the Members, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the Members present in person or by proxy may adjourn the meeting, and fix a new meeting date and time.

Section 5. Organization. The Chairperson(s) of the Corporation shall preside at all meetings of the Members or, in the absence of the Chairpersons an acting Chairperson shall be chosen by the Members present. The Staffperson shall act as secretary at all meetings of the Members, but in the absence of the Staffperson, the presiding officer may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting

Section 6. Voting. At any meeting of the Members, each Member present, in person or by proxy, shall be entitled to one vote. Upon demand of any Member, any vote for the Steering Committee or upon any question before the meeting shall be by ballot.

Section 7. Action by the Members. Except as otherwise provided by statute or by these by-laws, any action authorized by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of Members shall be an act of the Members.

Section 8. Special Action Requiring Vote of Members. The following corporate actions may not be taken without approval of the members:

- (a) a majority of the votes cast at a Meeting of the members is required for (1) any amendment of or change to the certificate of incorporation, or (2) a petition for judicial dissolution;
- (b) two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting of the Members is required for (1) disposing of all, or substantially all, of the assets of the Corporation, (2) approval of a plan of merger, (3) authorization of a plan of non-judicial dissolution, or (4) revocation of a voluntary dissolution proceeding.

provided, however, that the affirmative votes cast in favor of any such action shall be at least equal to the minimum numbers of votes necessary to constitute a quorum. Blank votes or abstentions shall not be counted in the number of votes cast.

ARTICLE II. STEERING COMMITTEE

Section 1. Powers and Numbers. The property, affairs and activities of Planners Network shall be managed and controlled and its powers exercised by the Steering Committee. The number of members constituting the entire Steering Committee after the first annual meeting of the Members shall be no less than three (3) and no more than 14.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The initial Steering Committee members shall be the persons elected at the organizational meeting. They shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Members. Thereafter, the Steering Committee members shall be elected to hold office for two years; provided, however, that any member elected to fill an unexpired term (whether resulting from death, resignation or removal) or created by an increase in the number of Steering Committee members shall hold office until the next election. Steering Committee members may be elected to any number of consecutive terms. Steering Committee members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of Members by a plurality of the votes cast or by mail ballot to all Members.

Section 3. Newly Created Steering Committee positions. Newly created positions and vacancies among the Steering Committee for any reason may be filled by vote of a majority of the Steering Committee members then in

office, regardless of their number, and the members so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Members.

Section 4. Resignations. Any member may resign from the Steering Committee at any time. Such resignations shall be made in writing, and shall take effect at the time specified therein, and if no time be specified, at the time of its receipt by Planners Network or its Chairperson(s)

Section 5. Removal. Any Steering Committee member may be removed at any time with cause by a majority of the Steering Committee at any meeting, provided that at least one week's notice of the proposed action shall have been given to the entire Steering Committee. Any Steering Committee member can be removed at any time with cause by a majority vote of the Members.

Section 6. Meetings. Meetings of the Steering Committee may be held at any place as the Steering Committee may from time to time fix, or as shall be specified in the notice or waivers of notice thereof.

Section 7. Quorum and Voting. Unless a greater proportion is required by law, a majority of the entire Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or of any specified item of business. Except as otherwise provided by statute or by these by-laws, the vote of a majority of the Steering Committee members present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time, shall be an act of the Steering Committee. If at any meeting of the Steering Committee there shall be less than a quorum present, the members present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is obtained. Any one or more members of the Steering Committee may participate by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Steering Committee may be taken without a meeting if two-thirds of the members of the Steering Committee consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The resolution and the written consent thereto by the members of the Steering Committee shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee.

Section 8. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time and place of each regular or special meeting of the Steering Committee, together with a written agenda stating all matters upon which action is proposed to be taken and to the extent possible, copies of all documents on which action is proposed to be taken, shall be mailed to each Steering Committee member, postage prepaid, addressed to him or her at his or her residence or usual place of business, at least seven days before the day on which the meeting is to be held; provided, however, that notice of special meetings to discuss matters requiring prompt action may be sent to him or her at such address by fax, telegram, electronic mail or given personally or by telephone, no less than forty-eight hours before the time at which such meeting is to be held, unless the meeting must be held within forty-eight hours.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS

Section 1. Number, Election and Term of Office of Chairpersons and Staffperson. The officers of Planners Network shall be a Chairperson or Chairpersons and a Staffperson. The Chairperson(s) shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Steering Committee held immediately following the annual meeting of the Members. In the event the Chairperson(s) is/are unable or unwilling to serve until the next annual meeting, the Steering Committee shall elect an interim Chairperson(s) to serve until the next annual meeting.

Section 2. Employees and other Agents. The Steering Committee may appoint from time to time such employees and other agents as it shall deem necessary, each of whom shall hold office at the pleasure of the Steering Committee, and shall have such authority and perform such duties, and shall receive such reasonable compensation, as a majority of the Steering Committee may from time to time determine.

Section 3. Removal. Any officer, employee or agent of the Planners Network may be removed with cause by a vote of the majority of the entire Steering Committee.

Section 4. Chairperson(s), Powers and Duties. The Chairperson(s) shall preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Steering Committee. The Chairperson(s) shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Planners Network, and shall keep the Steering Committee fully informed about the activities of the Planners Network. He or she has the power to sign and execute alone in the name of Planners Network all contracts authorized either generally or specifically by the Steering Committee.

The Chairperson(s) shall perform all the duties usually incident to the office of the Chairperson, and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Steering Committee.

Section 5. Staffperson: Powers and Duties. The Staffperson shall be appointed from time to time by the Steering Committee. The Staffperson shall keep the minutes of the annual meeting and all meetings of the Steering Committee, maintain the Membership roll and tabulate election results. S/he shall be responsible for the serving of notice. S/he shall keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursement, and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all moneys and other valuable documents of Planners Network in such banks or depositories as the Steering Committee shall designate at the Annual meeting and whenever else required by the Steering Committee, s/he shall render a statement of Planners Network's accounts.

Section 6. Compensation. Any officer, employee or agent of Planners Network is authorized to receive a reasonable salary or other reasonable compensation for services rendered when authorized by a majority of the Steering Committee, and only when so authorized.

ARTICLE IV. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Steering Committee at any meeting of the Steering Committee, or by the Members of the Planners Network at the annual meeting or a special meeting, providing notice of the proposed alteration has been included in the notice of meeting.

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holds said new rents will be unaffordable or on the borderline of affordability. Methods of surviving include reducing food budgets, cutting out health services, eliminating telephones, minimizing the use of heaters, selling cars or only using them for essential trips, minimizing contributions to churches or other organizations, and no longer sending money home.

The strategy in Council housing of forcing tenants out by raising rents is countered by the growing strength of local community networks, which may be tied to the presence of a Tenant Action Group which has sued to reverse rent increases, and the Auckland Housing Association Trust (AHA), a nine-month-old tenants group which organized to buy units and maintain them at affordable rents.

Taking the Offensive

As a participant-observer to the Auckland Housing Association Trust, I followed their actions as they explored alternatives to counter the Council's individual sales to private buyers and/or speculators, or bulk sales to a private for-profit developer. The AHA has been fighting on several fronts, including successfully obtaining a grant from the Department of Labour's Community Employment Group. This small grant enabled them to hire two staff people to augment volunteer resident organizers, coordinate political outreach (including a bill introduced into Parliament to support the third-stream housing sector). It helped them tackle the thorny issues arising from a resident body with low and frequently unstable incomes. The AHA has formalized an agreement with a commercial real estate firm whose financial consultant has worked with residents to develop a cross-subsidy scheme. They have identified different tiers of tenants including those who have no

resources to buy, those with a down payment but insufficient earnings, and those with no down payment but steady earnings. As of October 1997, the AHA put forward an option to buy 87 units. Whether rents will remain affordable for people on fixed incomes remains to be seen.

Meanwhile the AHA is being watched by other tenant groups who are protesting rising rents and looking toward a third-stream alternative between the market and the state.

Lessons for the U.S.

There are at least five lessons to be learned here given the Democratic Party's reinvention of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the efforts made to demolish public housing units, mix incomes, and raise rents:

- **First**, question local housing authority assumptions about demolitions that are based on physical surveys and result in a citywide loss of units.
- **Second**, connect this to local housing authority assumptions about relocation, vacancy rates, location of new units, and document the ways in which community networks are fractured, impacts on transfer of children to new schools, loss of special programs, care of the elderly, etc. Assess whether racial ethnic groups are disproportionately displaced.
- **Third**, emphasize the relationship between the existing poverty of on-site tenants and the need for increased incomes at living wages on a permanent basis; redirect attention to tenants' needs for jobs, job training, and education.
- **Fourth**, support organizing efforts that bring tenants together in order for them to put forward their own set of demands, plans, and processes.
- **Fifth**, seek support from legislators, academics, and the commercial world in developing creative methods of packaging and obtaining financial resources.

The first three lessons can be codified into a social impact report that includes tenant surveys and interviews as well as base surveys. The fourth and fifth lessons

require the drawing in of a pool of people who work collaboratively with tenants and understand linkages between developing technical reports, translating the contents into tools for popular education, organizing, and identifying where and how to best tap into resources needed to finance and implement the ideas. **PN**

Jacqueline Leavitt is a Professor in the UCLA Department of Urban Planning and one of the original members of PN. This article draws from research she undertook in New Zealand in 1997 as a Fulbright Scholar and reflects collaboration with Patricia Austin, a faculty member in the Department of Planning at the University of Auckland.

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1998-1999 Planners Network Steering Committee Nominations

Tom Angotti. I was a founding member of Planners Network, a Steering Committee member since 1994 and recently became a Co-Chair. I was responsible for the 1995 PN Conference in Brooklyn, and organized PN's presence at the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul. I am executive editor of the newsletter and work on the New York PN Forum Series. I continue to believe in progressive planning that puts people before profit.

Teresa Córdova. I am an Associate Professor of Community and Regional Planning at the University of New Mexico. I teach courses on Foundations of Community Development, Social Policy and Planning, Political Economy of Urban Development, and Community Planning Methods. I work closely with the Environmental Justice Movement and publish on the topic of global relations and issues of community development. I also publish in the area of Chicana Studies and have written *Roots and Resistance: Emergent Writings of Twenty Years of Chicana Feminist Struggle* and edited *Chicana Voices: Intersections of Class, Race, and Gender*.

Dana Driskell. I am housing and demographics coordinator for the New York City Department of City Planning, Bronx office, and teach at the Pratt Institute Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment. My interests include empowering citizen planners, environmental justice/fair share siting concerns, development finance and enterprise zones.

Chester Hartman. I am Executive Director of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council in Washington, DC. PRRAC networks between activists and researchers who work on race and poverty issues, and supports and commissions social science research on these issues designed to assist in advocacy work (community organizing, public education, litigation, legislation, etc.) I founded PN in 1975 and was its chair until 1994, when the operation passed (happily and successfully) on to its new home and new staff.

Marie Kennedy. I am Program Director of the Center for Community Planning and Center Head of Career Programs in the College of Public and Community Service at the University of Massachusetts - Boston. Combining the roles of activist and scholar, I have taught, worked on and written about community development, planning education and participatory action research. I serve on the boards of the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development and of Grassroots International and have been a member of Planners Network since its inception.

Patricia Nolan. I became involved with PN during my first year of graduate study at the University of Illinois, culminating with the 1995 conference in East St. Louis, where I worked as a volunteer with the host committee and learned about the history, mission, and members of PN. I found myself volunteering with the conference again in 1996 and this year. I currently work as the community planner for the University of Illinois East St. Louis Action Research Project's Neighborhood Technical Assistance Center. As a steering committee member, I would help PN increase its membership by recruiting younger planners, activists and students from disciplines and geographic areas that have not been tapped. I would also offer my energy, time and commitment to making PN a stronger resource for planners, designers, teachers, students and community activists who seek to make connections between progressive organizations and build a powerful base for social justice.

Winton Pitcoff. I was editor of the Planners Network newsletter for two years, coordinated the Brooklyn conference, and worked on the Pomona conference. Though I've since left PN as an employee — I'm now Associate Editor at *Shelterforce* magazine — I'd like to continue my involvement by working with the steering committee to strengthen PN's role as an advocacy organization.

Richard Platkin. I have been a member of Planners Network for about 15 years and have become active in the last several. I organized sessions and gave papers at both recent annual conferences. I also organized a walking tour through the Los Angeles garment district for the 1997 conference. My background includes both town and gown. I have a Masters in City Planning from the University of Washington and an M.A. and much subsequent work in sociology from UCLA. I have worked for the city of Seattle and currently work for the city of Los Angeles. I was also a VISTA volunteer and have worked for non-profits in the economic development and transportation planning fields. I even had one stint for a private planning firm. My contributions to the steering committee would be three-fold. It would not only give more West Coast representation, but would bring in more of a public-sector planning outlook. Finally, despite (or because of?) my years in public agencies, I have not lost my gut feeling that planning can never be successful if it neglects issues of class.

Ken Reardon. I decided to become an urban planner in 1980 after reading an article on "advocacy planning" by Paul Davidoff. I have been involved in a long series of community-

based planning initiatives in low-income areas during the past seventeen years. I have been an active member of the PN Steering Committee since 1994, coordinated the 1995 PN Conference in East St. Louis, and served as a Co-Chairperson of the SC for the past two years.

Barbara Rahder. I have been a member of Planners Network since 1978, and a member of the Steering Committee since 1995. I am coordinator of the Graduate Planning Programs in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University in Toronto, where my work focuses on feminist participatory planning with marginalized communities.

Arturo Sanchez. I am a Ph.D. student in urban planning at Columbia University and I am active in Latino and community affairs. I am a member of the Latin Advisory Commission for Census 2000, the Federal Advisory Committee on Immigration and Community Board 3 in Queens, New York. I was Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Bogota.

Peg Seip. I have really enjoyed participating in the recent wave of PN activity and appreciate the opportunity to have served on the Steering Committee. I would be very happy to continue this work, particularly in providing support and encouragement to the next wave of emerging leadership. My experience, primarily in the New York region, is comprehensive community development and services planning, emphasizing community participation. I have also worked for several years with New York PN helping to organize the "Network Forum."

Gwen Urey, Assistant Professor, Cal Poly Pomona. I would like to be a member of the PN Steering Committee. My experience in helping to put on the June 1997 Conference would be an asset to the S.C., and I would share that experience as we plan for our next conference, in 1999. I now have a better sense of the organization; as a steering committee member, I would work with other PNers in the west to promote PN among planners and activists in the west, and enhance networking between eastern and western PNers.

Ruth Yabes. I teach community studios and a citizen participation techniques course at Arizona State University, and hold a Ph.D. in planning from Cornell. In the Peace Corps (Philippines), I prepared community general plans. Having served as co-chair of the 1997 Pomona PN conference, I believe I will bring experience and continuity to the Steering Committee.

1998-99 PN Steering Committee Ballot

Return ballot to the national office:
**Planners Network, 379 DeKalb Avenue,
 Brooklyn, NY 11205**

Article II Section 1 of PN's bylaws allow a maximum of 14 Steering Committee members, and require at least 3, to serve for a two-year term. It is important that you cast your votes to insure the PN has a structured process for electing members to the Steering Committee. Vote for any number of candidates. Ballots must be received by the PN office *no later than December 31st, 1997*, so send yours in today!

- Tom Angotti, Brooklyn, NY
- Teresa Córdova, Albuquerque, NM
- Dana Driskell, Brooklyn, NY
- Chester Hartman, Washington, D.C.
- Marie Kennedy, Boston, MA
- Patricia Nolan, East St. Louis, MO
- Winton Pitcoff, Brooklyn, NY
- Richard Platkin, Los Angeles, CA
- Ken Reardon, Urbana, IL
- Barbara Rahder, Toronto, Canada
- Arturo Sanchez, Jackson Heights, NY
- Peg Seip, Montclair, NJ
- Gwen Urey, Pomona, CA
- Ruth Yabes, Tempe, AZ

1998 PN Member Roster Form

We last printed a directory of PN members in November 1995 and will print the new roster in March 1998. Please print the address and contact info where you wish to receive your newsletter and be contacted by other PNers. Send your roster form to the PN national office in Brooklyn *no later than December 31, 1997*.

Name: _____ What year did you join PN? _____

Organization: _____ Not part of mailing address

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____ Country _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____ Email: _____

Web Page: <http://> _____

Please provide a brief statement (40 words or less) describing your work, interests, and activities in which you are involved:

RESOURCES

CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & EVENTS

Thursdays, 7:00 pm. NY-area housing advocates: Keep up with the latest local housing news and issues with Housing Notebook, the weekly radio program on WBAI, 99.5 FM. (This is a new time-slot!) The program is sponsored by the Metropolitan Council on Housing and hosted by Scott Sommer.

• **December 4 and 5, 1997.** Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Center for Advanced Studies, University of Buenos Aires. "Argentine Cities and Regions in the Nineties: Who are the Winners and Losers in the Structural Adjustment Process?" The seminar will be in Spanish. All contributions to the seminar will be collected in a book to be published in the Spring of 1998. Contact: Mr. Alejandro Rofman, Director, Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Center for Advanced Studies, 950 Uriburu St., 1st Floor, (1114) Buenos Aires, Argentina. PHONE: 54-1-963-6958/59. FAX: 54-1-963-6962. EMAIL: <ceur@cea.uba.ar>.

• **December 4 and 5, 1997.** Growing Equity: Assets and Opportunities for Communities Left Behind. A two day conference to share new strategies for growing human, ecological, financial, and social equity. Contact Kate Ryan at (773) 377-2480 or <<http://www.abecker.com>>.

• **March 4-8, 1998.** Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference. "People, Places, and Public Policy." St. Louis, MO. Contact: EDRA 29, EDRA Business Office, P.O. Box 7146, Edmond, OK 73083-7146. (405) 330-4863. FAX (405) 330-4150. EMAIL: <edra@telepath.com>. WWW: <<http://www.aecnet.com/EDRA>>.

• **March 23-27 1998.** International Short Course on Urban Mobility and Non-Motorised Transport at IHE Delft. The course, to be held in Delft, The

Netherlands., is meant for policy makers, urban managers/planners and traffic and road engineers involved in transport planning and management. Starting from an overview of the differences in, and similarities of urban transport issues in developed and developing countries, the course deals with integrated urban transport planning and management, focussing on planning and engineering for non-motorised transport. The organisers, the Department of Transport and Road Engineering of IHE Delft, draw on both the extensive Dutch expertise of the subject matter, and on their experience in East Africa in the Non-Motorised Urban Transport Pilot projects in Kenya and Tanzania in the framework of the World Bank/UNECA Sub-Sahara Africa Transport Programme. Contact J.H. Koster: PHONE: +31.15.2151750, FAX +31.15.2122921; EMAIL: <jhk@ihe.nl>.

• **March 30 to April 3, 1998.** The Shelter and Revitalization of Old and Historic Urban Centres International Conference, Havana, Cuba. The thematic focus will include: Economy; Conservation and public space; Urban management; Environment and appropriate infrastructure; Social development; Legal aspects and standards; Benefits and limitations of alternative tenure forms home ownership, renting, leasehold, co-operatives, informal occupation, etc. For further information, write to TRIALOG, c/o Lehrstuhl für Staedtebau und Entwerfen, Universitaet, Raum 11.40 - G/009, D-76128 Karlsruhe, Germany; FAX: +49-721-608-3734. EMAIL: <havana.congress@usa.net>.

PUBLICATIONS

Community First: A Public Housing Resident's Guide, published in April 1997 by The National Low Income Housing Coalition. The guide is meant to inform public housing residents, both established and new, of their rights and opportunities to participate in their communities. Available on the web at <<http://www.nlihc.org/butler.htm>>. They are seeking funding to do a second printing. If you have suggestions, or would like to place (and partially fund the printing of) a large order, contact Linda Couch at <linda@nlihc.org>, or call (202) 662-1530 ext. 242.

A Status Report on Housing Trust Funds in the United States. Center for Community Change has just released this comprehensive survey of most of the 110 housing trust funds in the U.S. Housing trust funds provide ongoing funding for low-income housing programs through mechanisms such as property transfer taxes and development linkage fees. Although only in existence for 15 years, this report shows they are past the experimental stage. For more info or to obtain a copy of the report, contact Mary Brooks, Housing Trust Fund Project, 1113 Cougar Ct., Frazier Park, CA 93225. (805) 245-0318. FAX: (805) 245-2518. EMAIL: <Brooksm@commchange.org>.

The 1998 Fair Market Rents were published in the October 3 Federal Register. Fair Market Rents (FMR) are the 40th percentile of gross rent estimates that include shelter rent and the cost of utilities, excluding telephone. The FY98 FMRs can be found on the HUD USER web site at: <<http://www.huduser.org/publications/pub licassist/assisted/final98.html>>.

Met Council Tenant/Inquilino. Monthly newspaper of the Metropolitan Council on Housing of New York City, (Met Council), a city-wide membership tenant organization that has been active for more than thirty years. It covers a broad array of topics of interest to tenants. Available on the web at <<http://tenant.net/Tengroup/Metcounc/>>. Met Council on Housing, 102 Fulton Street, 3rd floor, New York, NY 10038; (212)693-0550; FAX: (212)693-0555.

The Municipal Research & Services Center of Washington is pleased to announce a new publication for planners and interested persons entitled **Infill Development: Strategies for Shaping Livable Neighborhoods**. It summarizes some of the barriers that have discouraged infill development in the past and the emerging opportunities for such development; provides a checklist for successful infill development; and provides strategies to make infill development more feasible for developers. For more information, please contact us at e-mail address below, or visit our website under "publications". Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington <mrsc@mrsc.org>, 1200 5th Ave., Suite 1300 Seattle, WA 98101. PHONE: (206) 625-1300. FAX: (206) 625-1220. WWW: <<http://www.mrsc.org>>.

RESOURCES

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The Rights of the Poor, by Helen Hershkoff and Stephen Loffredo, explains how poor people can use the law to obtain basic services and exercise their rights. Access to basic services such as income support, food assistance, health care, housing, and education are discussed in a Q&A format. The book also describes how poor people can use the law to participate more fully in political life, including voting and running for office. The authors also describe how poor people can use the courts to help enforce the rights that the law guarantees. Appendices include a SSI worksheet, Physician Report Form samples, Explanation of the "Forty Quarters" Rule, Food Stamp Income worksheets, and an overview of the legal system. Available for \$9.95 (+\$3 S&H) from ACLU Publications, P.O. Box 186, Wye Mills, MD 21679. (800) 775-ACLU.

Each month, the Sustainable Transport Action Network for Asia and the Pacific (SUSTRAN) publishes a **SUSTRAN News Flashes**, an email newsletter that covers progressive transportation issues in Asia/Pacific and the world. SUSTRAN is dedicated to promoting transport policies and investments which foster accessibility for all; social equity; ecological sustainability; health and safety; public participation; and high quality of life. To subscribe, send email with the subject blank and the single word "subscribe" in the body of the message to: <majordomo@mail.jca.ax.apc.org>.

How Communities Organize Themselves — Stories from the Field Compiled by Kenneth Fernandes. The stories in this book have been told by activists and community workers from low and middle income settlements of Karachi, at forums organized by the Urban Resource Centre. They provide insights into the collective struggles of low income communities for accessing basic amenities and highlight the process of change that has been initiated at the grassroots level as a result. Available from Asian Coalition for Housing Rights, 73 Soi Sonthiwattana 4, Ladprao 110, Ladprao Rd, Bangkok 10310, Thailand. PHONE: +66 2 538 0919; FAX: +66 2 539 9950; EMAIL: <achrsec@email.ksc.net>.

The Full Costs and Impacts of Transportation in Santiago de Chile by the International Institute for Energy Conservation (IIEC), 1997, 133 pp. + Appendices. US\$25. Recent years have witnessed increasing emphasis on the full costs of transportation, but little comprehensive work has been conducted in the developing world. This report attempts to fill this gap. The study analyses personal costs (transportation expenditures and travel time), social costs (congestion and accidents), infrastructure costs (road, rail, parking, and land), environmental costs (air and noise pollution, energy resources), as well as issues such as urban outgrowth, water pollution, and equity. To order, contact: International Institute for Energy Conservation, 750 First Street, NE, Suite 940, Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 842-3388; FAX: (202) 842-1565; EMAIL: <cmcginn@iiec.org>; WWW: <<http://www.iiec.org>>.

FUNDING

Dissertation Grants Available. HUD's Office of University Partnerships announces the fifth round of its Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants Program. The purpose of these grants is to encourage doctoral candidates to engage in policy-relevant community, housing, and urban development research. Topics may come from a wide range of disciplines and should reflect HUD's commitment to revitalizing communities, strengthening families, fostering economic growth, and promoting greater housing choices. Applications are due January 15, 1998. To obtain applications, contact: HUD USER/University Partnerships Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 6091 Rockville, MD 20849-2691; (800) 245-2691; WWW: <<http://www.oup.org/docdis.html>>.

PN ON THE INTERNET

The PN web site contains case studies, working papers, and more. Surf to:

<http://www.picced.org/resource/pn>

To subscribe to our email listserv, email: pn-net-request@pratt.edu with the body blank and the subject: **subscribe your-email-address**

JOBS

Looking to fill an open position with someone you can count on? PN is your link to the right person. Send your job announcement to us at the address on page 22, or email it to Resources Editor James Miraglia at: <pn@pratt.edu>. Please limit listings to 100 words! In coming issues, we will be expanding the number of jobs and resources we list, so we will be forced to shorten them as necessary.

Recent graduates and professionals looking for jobs might want to get hold of one of PNER Daniel Lauber's new books, *Government Job Finder* (\$16.95, 325 pages), *Non-Profits and Education Job Finder* (\$16.95, 340 pages), or *Professional's Job Finder* (covers the private sector; \$18.95, 520 pages). They are the top books recommended by *What Color is Your Parachute?* for finding job leads. They are available at bookstores like SuperCrown, Borders, and Barnes & Noble or by ordering directly toll-free at (888) 366-5200 weekdays, 9 am to 6 pm with VISA or MasterCard.

ALABAMA

Executive Director. The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority to the City of Opelika, Alabama is seeking individual with management skills and experience in housing development. Overall responsibility for Low-Income Housing and Redevelopment Programs; low-rent and housing assistance programs; advisory capacity and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Commissioners of the Housing Authority. Duties require executive skills, extensive knowledge of public housing, finance, and accounting, ability to research and evaluate new sources of housing assistance, and plan and administer comprehensive housing programs for low income citizens. College degree from an accredited four-year college or university in Public Administration, Business, City Planning, or closely related fields. Successful candidate must be bondable and insurable, in possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license, and hold certification as a professional Public Housing Manager. Salary negotiable. All applicants must send by certified mail a complete résumé and three references to be received no later than November 25, 1997. Mail application to: Reverend Steven P. Carson, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Opelika Housing Authority, P.O. Box 786, Opelika, AL 36803-0786.

CALIFORNIA

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Occidental College. Applications are invited for a tenure track position beginning August 1998. Candidates must demonstrate a strong commitment to undergraduate teaching and to research. Experience in undergraduate teaching is an asset. We are looking for candidates who can teach in at least two of the following areas: macroeconomic theory, managerial economics, economic development, and radical economics. We favor candidates who can demonstrate the ability to work in interdisciplinary programs. Applicants should include CV, transcripts, three letters of reference, writing sample and evidence of teaching experience/effectiveness. Deadline for receipt of applications is December 5, 1997. Applications to: Professor Mary L. Hirschfeld, Chair, Dept. of Economics, Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

Regular Faculty Position, Department of Sociology, Occidental College. The Department invites applications beginning August 1, 1998. Applicants must specialize in the general area of Urban Sociology while sub-specialties are open. Position is contingent on final administrative approval. Qualifications: Ph.D. or near Ph.D. in sociology, excellent teaching record, research excellence and commitment to the development of multicultural environment. Minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply. Deadline for applications: December 15, 1997. Applicants should send a letter of application, curriculum vita, a list of courses applicant is competent to teach, and three letters of recommendation. Finalists will be asked to submit samples of scholarly work and course syllabi. Please send applications to: Michael McAleenan, Department of Sociology, Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

Faculty Positions in Environmental Analysis and Policy. The Urban Planning Department in UCLA's School of Public Policy and Social Research seeks applicants for one or two permanent ladder faculty positions (depending on budget) in its Environmental Analysis and Policy area. Candidates should have ability to work substantively across different disciplines. We are particularly interested in applicants sensitive to issues affecting minority and low income communities. We welcome applications from scholars working on either international or domestic issues. The person or persons selected for this position may also participate in the research and teaching programs of the UCLA Institute for the Environment. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. However, full consideration cannot be guaranteed after December 15, 1997. Send letter of application, résumé, and list of three academic references to: Ms. Marsha Brown,

Department of Urban Planning, 3250 Public Policy Building, Box 195656, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1656. FAX: (310) 206-5566.

Faculty Position in Transportation Planning and Policy. The Department of Urban Planning in the UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research announces a search to fill a tenure track position beginning in the 1998-99 academic year. We seek candidates who will teach and conduct research in Transportation Planning and Policy, especially dealing with the relationships between transportation and land use, air quality, and other environmental issues. Excellent quantitative skills and a knowledge of travel demand modeling and Geographic Information Systems are desired. The appointed faculty member will also be affiliated with the UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but full consideration cannot be guaranteed for applications received after January 15, 1998. Interested candidates should send a brief letter of application, curriculum vitae, and a list of three academic references to: Ms. Marsha Brown, Dept. of Urban Planning, 3250 Public Policy Building, Box 195656, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1656. FAX: (310) 206-5566.

Assistant Professor, International Environmental Planning and Policy. The multi disciplinary Department of Urban and Regional Planning in the School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine, has a tenure track position beginning in July of 1998. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in planning, geography, political science, public policy, regional sciences, urban studies, law or related fields providing appropriate academic training to teach graduate level courses in international environmental planning and policy. Salary and benefits are competitive with the very best research universities. Closing date for applications is January 3, 1998, or whenever an appropriate applicant is found. Submit letter of application, names, addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of 3 to 5 persons from whom letters of recommendation may be solicited, and curriculum vitae to: Helen Ingram, Chair, Urban and Regional Planning Search Committee, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine, CA 92697-7075.

General Manager Of The Housing Department. City of Los Angeles, CA. Salary: \$100,976 - \$151,464, (DOQ) plus comprehensive management benefits. The City of Los Angeles is seeking an experienced, innovative, and entrepreneurial senior level manager to be the General Manager of the Housing Department. Candidates must have five years of full time paid senior management experience in an organization responsible for

development, financing, implementation, and administration of a major governmental, non-profit, or private housing development program. A Bachelor's Degree in planning, real estate, finance, public administration, business, or a related field is required. A Master's Degree is highly desirable. Call for brochure & supplemental questionnaire. Apply by 12/5/97 to RJA Management Services, Inc., 550 W. Duarte Rd., Ste.6, Arcadia, CA 91007. (626) 447-3318. WWW: <<http://www.greenheart.com/rja>>.

Transportation Planner. Leigh, Scott & Cleary, Inc., an established California- and Colorado-based transportation planning firm, is seeking a transportation planner for its Tahoe City, CA office. 4-yr. degree in planning or related field and a minimum of 3 yrs. experience in transit planning or management required. Must be able to work independently, with excellent writing, public speaking and analysis skills, and be interested in living in a mountain resort community. Work includes transit planning in rural and urban areas, parking studies, and survey analysis. Competitive salary DOQ and excellent benefits. Mail résumé, writing sample and salary history to LSC, Inc., PO Box 5875, Tahoe City, CA 96145.

Executive Director. Low Income Housing Fund, a nonprofit community development lender with \$34 million loan fund, 34 staff, and offices in SF, NYC, and LA, seeks dynamic Executive Director with exceptional financial, leadership, managerial and fundraising skills. Required: 10+ years senior experience in community development lending; demonstrated expertise in real estate finance, investment strategy, strategic planning, and new program development; and strong commitment to low-income communities. Need visionary leader with strong managerial capacity, including staff supervision; thorough knowledge of underwriting, financial analysis, technical assistance, other aspects of community development; excellent communications skills; and ability to work with diverse communities. BA required; MA preferred. Excellent salary/benefits package DOE. Send information to ED Search, LIHF, 74 New Montgomery St., Suite 250, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Executive Director. The Nonprofit Federation for Housing and Community Development Executive Director to lead its advocacy and public policy work in San Diego County. The ED reports directly to an active 11-member Board and supervises one full-time Public Education Coordinator. Salary dependent on qualifications, \$40,000-\$50,000. Résumé, ASAP, to Ken Sauder, SBCS, 314 4th Ave., Ste. E, Chula Vista, CA 91910. Further info: Isabel St. Germain, 619-262-8403; or Tess Colby, 619-515-5961. Tentative start date Dec. 1, 1997.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Research & Campaign Positions. AFL-CIO in Washington DC and certain other cities. Entry- through senior-level research & campaign positions with AFL-CIO in Washington DC and certain other cities. Qualifications: Work experience with unions or public interest/community-based groups; Education in economics, law, business, labor, urban planning/geography, public administration, environment/community health, history, or journalism; Experience in financial analysis, industry/corporate research, or issue research; Ability to multi-task, meet tight deadlines, and plan, do, write and edit research; Excellent computer and database skills; Desire to work in campaign atmosphere, challenge corporate power, and fight for social justice. Encouraged to apply: Progressive activists/researchers, investigative reporters with labor interests, graduates of business/MBA programs with labor sensibilities, progressive academics, recent college grads interested in organized labor careers, lawyers with public interest background. Résumé & writing sample to: AFL-CIO, Dept. of Corporate Affairs, OI-SR-WD Search Committee, 815 16th St., NW, Ste. 405, Washington, DC 20006.

Program Manager, Assets and Microenterprise Development, The Corporation for Enterprise Development (CFED). This year CFED launched the Downpayments on the American Dream Policy Demonstration (ADD), a ten-site, 2,000 account national test of the efficacy of Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) as an anti-poverty strategy. The Program Manager will assist the ADD Director in conducting the demonstration and providing state of the art technical assistance to developing IDA programs. S/he will also assist in CFED's microenterprise policy and state association activities. Qualifications: Five years of experience in community based development organizations, preferably with some practitioner experience in microenterprise development; Economic development policy expertise and experience; Understanding of individual development accounts and asset-building antipoverty strategies; Excellent writing, communication and interpersonal skills; Demonstrated ability to work with low income communities of color. Salary Range: \$35,000 to \$45,000 plus benefits, commensurate with experience. To apply, mail resume, references, qualifications and a letter explaining both why you are interested in this position and why you think you will perform well in this position to: Linda Keeney CFED 777 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 410

Washington, DC 20002. email: <linda@cfed.org> PHONE: (202) 408-9788. fax: (202) 408-9793.

FLORIDA

Program Director, Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc., a private, non-profit Community Action Agency sponsoring a Community Development Credit Union. To manage the day-to-day activities of a low-income credit union, and to provide business development training and technical assistance for individuals seeking to become self-employed. A four year degree in Accounting or Business is required. Work experience, in a credit union, community development corporation, or closely related institution is also required. Salary range: \$20,279 - \$25,833 Please send résumés to POC, 3443 1st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713 Attn.: Personnel, or fax to (813)321-9612. For information call Carolyn King at (813)321-8690 ext. 16.

ILLINOIS

Associate Planner for Open Space Planning. Regional planning agency for the Chicago metropolitan area is seeking an Associate Planner to perform professional-level open space planning in its Planning Services Department. Open space planning will be performed in conjunction with other comprehensive planning assignments including transportation; land use; community development and redevelopment; and social and environmental planning. Requires: skills in subdivision site design; landscape design/architecture; writing; word processing; public speaking; computer graphics; and desktop publishing. Equivalent of a degree in landscape architecture or a masters degree in planning required. Salary in the low \$30's, excellent benefits. Send résumés to Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission 222 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60606.

Executive Director for a young and exciting economic development corporation in the Greater Humboldt Park area of Chicago. An advanced degree in community economic development, housing finance, urban planning, public administration, or a related field. Experience along with bilingual/bicultural in Spanish preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Send cover letter and résumé to: Search Committee, Humboldt Park Economic Development Corporation, 2150 W. Armitage Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647

LOUISIANA

Assistant Professor, University of New Orleans. The College of Urban and Public Affairs seeks candidates for a nine-month, tenure-track faculty position at the assistant professor level. Candidates should be capable of graduate teaching and research in urban and

regional planning, urban affairs, or public administration; a Ph.D. in one of these, or a related field, is required by the time of appointment. Screening of applications will begin January 15, 1998 and continue until the position is filled. An August 1998 appointment is anticipated. Letters of application, including teaching and research interests, a curriculum vitae, and the names of four references, should be sent to: Professor Jane S. Brooks, Chair, Faculty Search Committee, College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148. (504) 280-6514. FAX: (504) 280-6277; EMAIL: <JEBUR@UNO.EDU>.

MARYLAND

Environmental Planner, Woodward-Clyde Federal Services. National environmental consulting firm is seeking an environmental planner for a full-time position in its Gaithersburg, Maryland, office. Prefer a master's degree in community/regional planning or related field, with 1-4 years of experience, but will consider a bachelor's with good relevant experience. Specific experience with NEPA compliance, and socioeconomic evaluations, a plus. Some travel will be required. Competitive starting salary and excellent benefits package. Please send résumé to: Box PML-D, 200, Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

MASSACHUSETTS

Assistant or Associate Professor, MIT Dept. of Urban Studies & Planning. Tenure track position in landscape architecture and physical planning. The department is seeking a faculty member to teach and do research on the physical and ecologically sensitive design of urban and regional environments. The candidate must have an educational background in landscape architecture or the design of natural systems. She/he should have professional experience in one or several of the following: site design, the design of sustainable environments, urban ecology, land planning, urban design, or other related areas. Experience in computer applications to design is desirable. A Ph.D. is preferred, but candidates with other advanced degrees and work experience will be considered. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, until February 15, 1998. Interested candidates should send a curriculum vita, a short statement concerning the types of courses they would like to teach, and names of three references to: Dennis Frenchman, Head, City Design and Development Group, c/o Laura Wilcox, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 105 Massachusetts Ave., Room 9-519, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Faculty Position in Environmental Policy/Pollution and Toxic Substances. The Department of Urban and Environmental Policy at Tufts University is recruiting a core

faculty member. We seek an individual with primary research and teaching areas in social impacts of pollution and toxic substances for tenure track position in graduate program in public policy. Preference to subspecialties including: health-based regulatory policies; impacts of pollution on low-income communities; role of citizen participation and community movements in addressing toxic chemicals and promoting environmental justice. Interest and ability in teaching in quantitative methods is highly desirable. Ph.D. or equivalent. ABDs will be considered. Review of applications begins on October 15, 1997 and continues until position is filled. Send letter of application, CV, and names of three references to Environmental Policy Search Committee, Department of Urban and Environmental Policy, 97 Talbot Avenue, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155.

Technical Assistance, Housing Development.

Institute for Community Economics National community development organization seeks technical assistance provider to work with community land trusts on all phases of community-based housing development including organizational and project development. Requires 3 years housing development, organizing, and teaching/training experience; excellent communication and analytical skills; significant travel. Cover letter and résumé to: Carol Lewis, Institute for Community Economics, 57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, AA/EOE.

NEW JERSEY

Planner/Economist. Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. (LBA), part of the Berger Group of Companies, with headquarters in East Orange, New Jersey, seeks individuals with interest and experience in the planning, transportation and economic fields. The planner/economist position is a challenging one requiring data collection, analysis, and technical report preparation. The ideal candidate should have a master's degree in planning, regional or transportation economics, or related field, and familiarity with spreadsheets, demographic-economic models, regional economic impacts, cost-benefit and market studies used in the support of transportation planning, environmental assessment and community planning studies. Send résumé/salary requirements to: David Aimen, P.P., Planning and Economics Department, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc., 100 Halsted Street, East Orange, NJ 07019.

New Jersey Housing & Environment

Coordinator. New coalition of 20 environmental and housing groups seeks a part-time coordinator. Coordinate coalition; draft materials; coordinate assistance and information among environmental, community development groups. Strong communication and writing skills required. Salary: \$18,000-\$20,000

for half time position with full time possibility. Send résumé and cover letter to Liz Johnson, c/o Watson Institute, Thomas Edison College, 101 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608-1176. (609) 984-4334. FAX: (609) 777-3207.

Public Interest Lawyer. Passaic County Legal Aid Society, seeks staff attorney to join experienced first class staff committed to delivering high quality legal service. Qualifications: committed to practicing excellent law for the poor; law degree; member of NJ Bar or take the first exam after hiring; long term commitment to Legal Services; broad knowledge of poverty law or willingness to learn it quickly; ability to zealously represent the poor; willingness to get out from behind your desk and do outreach work in the community. Spanish ability preferred. Salary starts at \$35K. Negotiable DOE. Letter of application, résumé, and 4 references to John D. Atlas, Executive Director, Passaic County Legal Aid Society, 175 Market Street, Paterson, NJ 07505. (973) 345-7171. FAX: (973) 345-8739. EMAIL: <MThorne@LSNJ.org>.

Organizer/Activist. New Jersey Citizen Action, Hackensack, New Jersey Organizer with New Jersey Citizen Action, the state's largest independent consumer watchdog coalition, to work on multi-issue campaigns. Qualifications include: experience in community, student, church, or political organizing; good writing, phone, and computer skills. Interest in fair banking, housing and community reinvestment a plus. Car required. Salary mid to upper 20s, plus good benefits. Send résumé, cover letter, and writing sample to: Anthony Wright, Program Director, New Jersey Citizen Action, 400 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601

NEW YORK

Planner/Geographic Information System Technician. The Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development seeks an individual with experience in developing and maintaining a GIS database using ArcInfo/ArcView. Incumbent will develop a GIS database system relating to the physical and cultural environment of Sullivan County and local government entities. The position also involves the collection and digitizing of geographic data for the County as well as assisting in the preparation of planning and community development reports. Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in city or regional planning, economic studies, information systems, geography, language architecture, civil engineering, or a related area of planning and one year of planning experience which must have included GIS. Salary range: \$26,600-\$28,000, with excellent benefit package. Submit résumé and cover letter to: Sullivan County Personnel Department, 100 North St., Monticello, NY 12701. Deadline: December 15, 1997 (914) 794-3000, x5028.

FAX: (914) 794-3459 WWW: <<http://co.sullivan.ny.us>>. Email: <sullivan@catskill.com>.

Executive Director. Citizens' Environmental Coalition is seeking an individual with experience in grassroots organizing and foundation fundraising. CEC is New York's leading grassroots progressive statewide environmental organization focusing on pollution problems, citizen assistance and labor/environmental justice issues. Send résumé, writing sample, 3 references to CEC, 33 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12210. Fax: 518-465-8349

Mid-level Planner, Turner/Geneslaw, Inc. Rockland County-based planning firm seeks planner preferably with a master's degree in planning or landscape architecture and 2-3 years of experience. Candidate will assist in the areas of comprehensive and community planning, zoning, site plan and subdivision review, environmental planning and/or economic development. Familiarity with New York municipal law and SEQR regulations is a plus. Similar familiarity with New Jersey municipal land use law is also desirable. Candidates should possess good writing skills, be computer literate, preferably with experience using Microsoft Office. Employee benefits include health care and a pension plan. Salary commensurate with experience. Mail cover letter, résumé and salary history requirements to: Stuart Turner, AICP, PP, Turner/Geneslaw, Inc., 2 Executive Boulevard, Suite 401, Suffern, NY 10901.

Research Assistant, Landauer Associates, Inc. International real estate consulting firm seeks immediate temporary research assistant needed for a six-week assignment. Hours depending on individual's availability, but minimum 20 hours per week. Responsibilities include assembling briefing books of market information related to office, industrial and retail real estate properties in thirty metropolitan areas. Research assistant will utilize in-house collections, Internet, on-line database services and other external sources. Creative thinker with experience in primary and secondary research preferred. Excellent computer, communication and organization skills required. Full-time consultant position may be available in the first quarter of 1998. Please fax résumé and cover letter to Research Assistant, Landauer Associates, Inc., 666 Fifth Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10103. Fax: 212-621-9567.

Transportation Policy Advocate, Tri-State Transportation Campaign. Full time advocate needed to promote reform of city and state transportation policy, w/focus in New York City - act as liaison with civic organizations, elected officials, media regarding key transportation projects and policies (highway, mass transit and railroad issues). Coordinate coalitions and public information strategies. Very strong writing, computer and other communication skills desired. Salary depends on experience.

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rience. Send résumé to: Tri-State Transportation Campaign, 281 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010. fax: 212-777-8157. EMAIL: <tstc@tstc.org>.

GIS Analyst. Bowne Management Systems, Inc., (BMS) is a technical Consulting Firm specializing in GIS and application development. BMS has developed sophisticated GIS applications for clients throughout the United States. We seek qualified candidates for the position of a GIS Analyst. Experience in ARC/INFO, ArcView, and the development of GIS applications is highly desirable. Candidates should possess a strong technical computer background, as well as excellent written and oral communications skills. The position offers a competitive salary, benefits package, and 401K plan. In addition, Bowne offers flexible working hours. The position is in our Mineola, NY office. For consideration, please forward your résumé with a cover letter in confidence to: Bowne Management Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 109, Mineola, NY 11501.

Urban/Environmental Planner. Lewis Berger & Associates is seeking an urban/environmental planner for the NYC office. Requirements: NEPA, SEQR and CEQR experience; strong analytical and writing skills; and the ability to work independently. Contact Larry Pesesky, AICP @ (212) 524-7272 or fax résumé to (212) 524-7215.

Planner, Ferrandino & Associates Inc. Very active Westchester-based planning consulting firm (half-hour from mid-town Manhattan) with a diversified urban/suburban, public/private practice, seeks planner(s) with an array of interests and qualifications related to the field of planning. Prospective candidate would assist in the areas of comprehensive planning, zoning, site plan review, economic development, housing and/or environmental planning. Masters degree in Planning or Public Administration preferred. In addition, candidates must have excellent writing skills, and be computer literate. GIS familiarity a plus. Driving necessary as office is not readily accessible to public transportation. Mail cover letter, résumé and salary history and requirements immediately to: Vince Ferrandino, AICP, Principal, Ferrandino & Associates Inc., 3 West Main Street, Elmsford, NY 10523.

Job Developer. Seeking individual with in-depth knowledge of job training/workforce development strategies to establish relationships with corporate employers that lead to job placements for welfare recipients and other

low income residents of Red Hook/South Brooklyn. BA related field plus five years experience or MA with two years experience. Send résumé/cover letter to Search Committee c/o LEAP; 111 Livingston Street, First Floor; Brooklyn, NY 11201. Deadline Dec 15.

Associate Director/Business Manager. New York City nonprofit seeks experienced community development professional to undertake outreach, marketing, project implementation and fundraising for local, national and international training, technical assistance and capacity building consulting. Reports directly to the Executive Director. Excellent writing and communication skills required. Fax résumé, cover letter and salary requirements to UHAB: (212) 344-6457 or e-mail to: info@uhab.org.

NORTH CAROLINA

Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. The Department of City and Regional Planning seeks candidates for a tenure-track position. We are seeking strong applicants whose background and interests are consistent with either of the two position requirements: GIS, computer modeling and computer visioning, as well as an interest in one or more areas of planning practice, including land use/environmental/planning, housing and community development, and economic development. Planning for the alleviation of poverty, unemployment, and discrimination related to land use planning, environmental management, transportation, community development and housing, economic development, and/or planning theory. Ph.D., or the imminent conferral of a Ph.D., in planning or a related field is required. Screening will begin Dec. 8, 1997 and continue until position is filled. A July 1, 1998 appointment is anticipated. Send letter of interest and CV, and arrange for four letters of reference to be sent to: Associate Prof. Philip Berke, Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, New East CB #3140, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3140. (919) 962-4765. FAX: (919) 962-5206. EMAIL: <pberke@unc.edu>.

OHIO

School Director, School of Planning, College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning. The University of Cincinnati is continuing the search for a Director of the School of Planning and invites applications and nominations for the position. The Director is the academic leader of the school and reports to the Dean of the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP). The position will be available September 1, 1998. A Ph.D. in Planning or a closely related field is strongly preferred. Applicants should demonstrate a proven record of continual accomplishment in teaching, research, service to the field, and obtaining external funding. They should be eligible for

appointment at the Professor rank. In addition to the day-to-day administration of the school, the Director's leadership will be especially important in stimulating faculty research, monitoring and updating curricula, attracting a larger and stronger student body, and strengthening continuing education programs. We seek an energetic individual who is committed to planning at all geographical levels and who can convey its enthusiasm to students. Application should include a letter of interest, CV, and 3 references. Send applications and nominations to: Kristi Nelson, Chair, Search Committee, Vice Provost for Faculty Relations, P.O. Box 210631, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0631.

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Executive Director. The 5-member Housing Authority Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas is seeking an experienced, innovative, honest, effective, people-oriented, housing professional for the administration & maintenance of day-to-day operations as well as fiscal, property, personnel, management, development and CGP programs. The successful candidate must have a Master's Degree in public or business administration, finance, combination of a social services or related fields or experience with administrative, management and operation capacity at a housing authority with experience in developing, planning, funding and implementation of public sector programs; Excellent writing and oral communications skills, proven leadership ability, and the skills necessary to deal effectively with staff, provide management consultation, guidance and demonstrated sensitivity to problems and concerns of residents and deal with local support organizations. Candidates must have a thorough knowledge of HUD rules, regulations and guidelines. Applicants must provide evidence of each of the above requirements. Residency requirement must be met within six months. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, current résumé, salary requirements and history for the past 3 years & 5 references by December 15, 1997 to Executive Director Search Committee, P.O. Box 4420, Brownsville, Texas 78523-4420.

VIRGINIA

Executive Director. The seven-member Board of Commissioners of the Danville, Virginia, Redevelopment and Housing Authority is seeking an experienced, innovative, honest, effective, people-oriented housing professional for the day-to-day operations of the Authority. The successful candidate must have a Bachelor's degree in public or business administration, with a Master's degree a definite plus. The candidate should have at least 5 years' experience with administration, management, and operations of a PHA, with varied experience in developing, planning, funding,

and implementation of public-sector programs. Applicants must possess excellent writing and oral communications skills, proven leadership ability, the skills necessary to deal effectively with staff, and demonstrated sensitivity to problems and concerns of residents and local support organizations. Candidates must have a thorough knowledge of HUD rules, regulations, and guidelines. Applicants must provide evidence of each of the above requirements. Residency requirement must be met within six months of employment, as must CPHM certification. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Submit letter of interest, current résumé, salary requirements, salary history for the past 3 years, and 5 references by Dec. 1, 1997 to: James A. Slade, Chair, Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, P.O. Box 2669, Danville, VA 24541-0669.

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Housing Planner, AIDS Housing of Washington. FT position. Responsibilities include conducting AIDS housing needs assessments, data analysis, writing multi-year plans, and a range of other writing activities. Out-of-state travel required. Must have at least three years of housing planning experience and strong facilitation, writing, and computer skills. Salary \$35-43,000 OE, plus generous benefits package. Send cover letter and résumé (no faxes) by 12/1/97 to AIDS Housing of Washington, 2025 First Avenue, Suite 420, Seattle, WA 98121.

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New Editors Join PN Staff

With this issue, No. 126, we close out the twenty-second year of Planners Network. A correspondent recently noted that there was discussion a couple years ago about whether the newsletter should be suspended with issue 100. We're happy to say plans are secure to continue the newsletter, and we hope to grow with each issue. We will continue to print more articles, but we also want to return to our roots by featuring more personal correspondence by members. As Chester Hartman used to exhort, more members need to be reader-contributors, not simply reader-consumers.

In the last two years, the newsletter has become more of a bi-monthly magazine in response to members' concerns that its primary role as source of reprinted announcements was being replaced by other publications and the internet. Now, we are building a staff of volunteers to help John McCrory, PN's part-time staffperson. There are four new assistant editors, drawn from the ranks of Pratt Institute's graduate planning students. **Dalila Hall** is the new Membership Editor, in charge of PNER Updates and chapter news. Her expertise with databases is helping us keep better track of our members. **Nigel Hall**, (no relation), brings the perspective of a cyclist and an advocate for sensible transportation to PN. **Mike Darrow** will be handling your letters-to-the-editor and commentaries. He has experience with homelessness and housing issues. **James Miraglia**, with an article and a book review in PN under his belt, joins the staff as Resources Editor. Send your event, conference, and publication announcements, and your job listings, to the national office. A committed conservationist, James strengthens our background on sustainability.

We continue to look for more editors to round out the staff, and you don't need to be in the New York area to volunteer. We are also seeking local correspondents who can regularly contribute local news and commentary about progressive planning throughout North America and the world. In particular, we need writers to send in news about PN local chapter activities. If you are interested in volunteering for one or more of these activities, contact John McCrory or Tom Angotti.

—The Editors

UPCOMING ISSUES

January/February Issue, Number 127 — Open to any subject!
COPY DEADLINE: Monday, January 5th.

Please submit articles, notes, updates, and resources typed and double-spaced. Feature articles of 500 to 1,500 words are always welcome. Submissions on disk or by email are greatly appreciated. All electronic submissions should be sent as ASCII text. Send your submission to John McCrory at the address given at left.

FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS, Planners Network has been a voice for progressive professionals and activists concerned with urban planning and social justice. PN's 1,000 members receive this bimonthly newsletter, network online with PN-NET, and take part in the annual conference. PN also gives progressive ideas a voice in the mainstream planning profession by organizing sessions at annual conferences of the American Planning Association and American Collegiate Schools of Planning.

The PN Conference has been held annually each spring since 1994. These gatherings combine speakers and workshops with exchanges involving local communities. PN conferences engage in discussions that help inform political strategies at the local, national, and inter-national levels. Recent conferences have been held in Washington, D.C., East St. Louis, IL, Brooklyn, NY, and Pomona, CA.

Whether face-to-face, in print, or over the internet, PNers are part of a network that shares progressive ideas and experiences. Join Planners Network and make a difference while sharing your ideas and enthusiasm with others!

Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but we need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee recommends the following amounts as minimums for Network members:

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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. This includes opposition to racial, economic and environmental injustice, and discrimination by gender and sexual orientation. 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.

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