

# PLANNERS NETWORK

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**PN ROSTER/LAST CHANCE:** Since our February request for PN Roster biosketches, we've received some 70 biosketch forms back from you all to date—less than 10 percent of the membership. Not good.

So you're getting one last chance. A PN Roster Biosketch Form once again appears on the back page. Please fill it out and return it to us (with a special Roster contribution, if at all possible) for arrival no later than May 27. That is a real deadline.

If you don't give us some biographical detail, all that will appear in the new Roster (accompanying the June newsletter) will be your name and address—dull, dull, dull. Please shape up, you 680 biosketchless Networkers, and send in a completed biosketch.

**WELCOME, NYPNers:** We did a special mailing of the February PN newsletter to approximately 700 New York City-area persons who over the years have attended the regular forums the New York Networkers sponsor, and who were not, according to our records, PN members. Quite a number have joined PN as a result, and we want to thank and welcome each of you. We're happy to have you.

**NETWORK FEEDBACK:** From PNER April Modlinger: I enjoy looking through your newsletters, but I wish PN would be a little more active. How about having a conference?

Separately, I have on occasion sent material to Networkers who were looking for references through the newsletter. Never

have I ever received even so much as an acknowledgement that the material was received. This is both surprising and disappointing. I think the newsletter is worthwhile, but we need to be doing more. In the meantime, keep it coming.

From PN Central: Any ideas for a conference? Our last one was in 1986, on community-based housing and economic development, cosponsored with a number of other national groups, and attended by more than 600 people. Also, any ideas on how PN could become a little more active?

You also might note the legitimate complaint about lack of acknowledgement for information provided on request. It's more than courtesy; it's a way of making more lasting connections. Presumably it's an area you're both interested or working in.

**PNER MEMORIAL:** A memorial teach-in was held April 15 at Queens College in New York for PNER Matt Edel, who passed away recently. The teach-in focused on four special areas of his concerns: Latin American development, urban planning and policy, social science and social justice, and culture and the arts. PNERs among the speakers included Tom Angotti, William Tabb, and Mike Brown.

**PN/NONPROFIT STATUS:** Following up our February newsletter query whether PN should seek tax-exempt status as a means to increase contributions (e.g., because Networkers would increase the size of their contributions if they were tax deductible), we received exactly two responses, and they were

## The Planners Network

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

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

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

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

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

students and unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of \$25 plus \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

Members of the Steering Committee: Chester Hartman, DC, Chair; Emily Achtenberg, Boston; Eve Bach, Berkeley; Bob Beau regard, Pittsburgh; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, Buffalo; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Peter Marcuse, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Pittsfield.  
Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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conflicting.

Unless we get some better evidence that going through the process of obtaining 501(c)(3) status would be worth the effort, we'll probably stay with the present loose system.

On occasion, we do get a request for a PN invoice, making it easier for Networkers to use office money or grant funds for a sizeable contribution. That's an easy request to honor. So please request an invoice in whatever amount you feel you can contribute, if that will help loosen the pursestrings.

□ FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since the February newsletter, we have received contributions from 90 Networkers totaling \$2,595, including one for more than \$200 and one for more than \$100. Thanks for such special generous support.

Our year-to-date totals now are 138 contributors providing \$4,596. These compare with April 1990 totals of 162 contributors and \$5,700.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN with a check, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. We change (or add) the date when we get a check. Thus no date means you are a non-contributor, and we'd like a check from you.

## Passing the Word

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: PNER Woody Widrow (17 Westview Rd., Verona, NJ 07044, 201/239-7132) just spent an inspiring, constructive recuperative/reflective period (following a multi-year stint as Director of the National Housing Institute) at a Montana retreat center for mid-career social change activists, the Windcall Resident Program. Attendance is by application. Windcall, which also is a small working ranch, lies on the western slope of the Bridger Range, and looks out over one of the great fertile plains of the Northern Rockies.

□ URBAN POLICIES/ARTISTS: *If You Lived Here: The City in Art, Theory, and Social Activism*, edited by Brian Wallis, is a 312-page compilation, sponsored by the Dia Art Foundation of New York, of diverse artists' projects, public discussions, and research on issues of community and housing, homelessness, and urban planning. Copies are \$16.95 (paper), from: Bay Press, 115 W. Denny Way, Seattle, WA 98119, 206/284-5913.

□ 'GREAT BOOKS'/PLANNING: PNER Paul Niebanck (College Eight, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064) once again has made available his "Great Books in Planning" reading list, revised for Winter 1991. It includes some two-dozen all-time greats, among many others. Please send him a SASE for a copy.

□ HOMELESSNESS/BAY AREA: HomeBase (1535 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/431-7430) is a regional support center for homelessness policy and programs in the San Francisco Bay area. It provides regional planning, policy and program research, program support, and public education. Among its publications: *A Place for Everyone: Community-Based Planning for the Provision of Housing and Services to Homeless People* and *Neighbors, After All: Community Acceptance Strategies for Siting Housing and Services for Homeless People*. Each is \$20.

□ CONGREGATIONS/HOUSING: *Making Room at the Inn: Congregational Investment in Affordable Housing* is a 64-page guide for nonprofits with little or no housing experience to work effectively with development partners and financial resources in

building affordable housing. Copies are \$17.50, from: Churches Conference on Shelter and Housing, 1711 14th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/232-6748.

□ PNER UPDATE: From PNER Dennis Keating: During Spring 1991, I'll be on sabbatical leave from Cleveland State Univ. (Dept. of Urban Studies, Cleveland, OH 44115), and will spend part of the time at the Institute of Urban and Regional Development at UC-Berkeley.

I'm working on an analysis of racial transition in housing in metropolitan Cleveland (1960-90), and also am co-editing (with PNERs Norm Krumholz and David Perry) a book on metropolitan Cleveland. With Norm, I also co-authored an article on "Downtown Planning and Social Equity" in the Spring 1991 *Journal of the American Planning Association*.

For the Pittsburgh Planning Department, I'm working on a neighborhood housing study, with Norm and others. Last fall, I worked on a housing strategy for metropolitan Cleveland for the Year 2000, and also worked on a successful statewide campaign to make housing a public purpose in Ohio.

□ BUSINESS INCUBATORS: *Incubator Managers: Agents for Business Success* is a report on 156 nonprofit and for-profit business incubators across the country, measuring managers' salary levels and job satisfaction. Copies: Peter Collins, Coopers & Lybrand National Emerging Business Services, 1301 Sixth Ave., New York, NY 10019, 212/259-2166. No price listed.

□ CHILDREN/YOUTH REPORT: *The State of America's Children, 1991* is the newly renamed annual report on the status of the country's children and youth, prepared by the Children's Defense Fund, 122 C St. N.W., Wash. DC 20001. Copies are \$14.95.

□ DEVELOPMENT BANKING: The Tri-State Economic Justice Network (Box 9707, Newark, NJ 07104, 201/481-9442) is building a campaign around creating a Development Bank, capitalized by a small fraction of the Capital Program of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. A key design element is combining financial investment with human capital investment, thus including business assistance and employee training and development services in addition to business financing. Please contact PNER Steve Strahs with information on possible models, either from the U.S. or other countries.

□ HOMELESS VIDEO: The California Homeless and Housing Coalition (1010 S. Flower #500, Los Angeles, CA 90015, 213/746-7690) has produced a 40-minute video, *Neighbors in Need: Helping Our Homeless Neighbors*, on the causes of homelessness and on successful community placements of housing and service facilities. Copies are \$15.

□ LOW-INCOME WOMEN/NEWS: Mimi Abramovitz, an author and Hunter School of Social Work (129 E. 79th St., New York, NY 10021, 212/452-7000) faculty member, is creating a feature news column, "Spreading the Word," about low-income women's activism, and is seeking information on related organizations and activities. She is the author of *Regulating the Lives of Women: Social Welfare Policy from Colonial Times to the Present*.

□ U.S./MIDDLE EAST: *Mobilizing Democracy: Changing the U.S. Role in the Middle East*, edited by Greg Bates, is a collection

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# PRRAC's First Round Of Research/Advocacy Grants

by Chester Hartman

As previously announced, I recently became President/Executive Director of a new organization, the Poverty & Race Research Action Council (a brochure for which was attached to the February PN newsletter).

One of PRRAC's principal functions is to fund research around the intersection of race and poverty that is linked to advocacy work.

The initial set of eight grants has just been made, as described below. Most are housing-related, the group's first area of concentration. They highlight some of the major issues and actors dealing with race and poverty issues, and progressive solutions to those problems.

In several instances, PN members are active in the advocacy and/or research roles; other PNers are encouraged to get in touch with PRRAC (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #714, Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-9887) regarding funding of their work, or simply to plug into this new information/assistance network.

- Are homeless children (in Chicago) getting an adequate education, as required under the McKinney Act?

Substantial observational and anecdotal evidence exists to indicate the answer is no, and the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago wants to prepare a lawsuit, to be filed next fall, which will document this, and lead to effective remedies.

PRRAC will fund this research work, which will consist largely of interviews with school officials, parents, and children. The study, besides being introduced as part of the suit, will be separately published and circulated. And the research/litigation/public education model will be usable in other cities where similar violations of McKinney Act requirements doubtless exist.

- Should low-income tenants involved in eviction proceedings be entitled to legal representation?

That's the nub of a lawsuit being brought by Legal Services of New York (PN member Andy Scherer is principal attorney on this suit), along with the Legal Aid Society, the American Civil Liberties Union, Harlem Legal Services, Bronx

Legal Services, and the Community Service Society.

The claim is that the consequences of eviction for low-income New Yorkers are so severe (frequently including homelessness) that court-appointed free attorney services should be available. (Landlords, of course, routinely are represented.)

The suit is part of a more general strategy to raise public consciousness about the need for such counsel, and possibly to achieve the goal of representation through legislative or administrative measures.

The PRRAC grant will enable completion of research half-finished on the outcome of eviction proceedings where tenants have and have not been represented, and on the projected costs of establishing a right to counsel in such cases.

- Project BASIC, a low-income, minority, statewide advocacy organization in Rhode Island, along with Rhode Island Legal Services, has brought suit to require that replacement housing for public housing units demolished by the Providence Housing Authority meet Fair Housing Act and Civil Rights Act standards.

PNer Yale Rabin is carrying out the research to document the Housing Auth-

ority's and HUD's failure to meet these statutory requirements, and to propose remedies.

The litigation and supporting research will be of use in other cities where public housing projects are being torn down and replaced.

- High growth rates in California have exacerbated housing affordability problems for low-income folks in that state (primarily racial minorities, as the state's population composition rapidly changes).

The Coalition for Rural Housing Project will document these trends, develop affordability indices, and work for a series of legislative remedies, as well as undertake public education and organizing, to protect low-income households—particularly in rural areas—from the deleterious impacts of this growth. The model will be useful in other states experiencing similar trends.

- META (Multicultural Education, Training and Advocacy), a public-interest law firm located in San Francisco (as well as in Boston), will be carrying out research on the problem of school discipline—suspension, expulsion and other forms of punishment—as it adversely and discriminatorily affects minority students.

Based upon this research, they will build a multi-pronged advocacy effort—public education, organizing, legislative remedies, possibly litigation—to change these conditions.

- The American Civil Liberties Union has brought a suit in Montgomery County, AL, with a unique challenge to racially discriminatory educational systems.

Whereas previous equalization suits have sought, with great success in many cases, to require that gross disparities in per-pupil expenditures by local school districts be ended, this suit proceeds under a different state constitutional theory.

The Alabama constitution (and the constitutions of a majority of states, in some form or other) guarantees students a minimally adequate education.

The research will document that this standard is not being met, will propose programs that meet this standard, and will seek to have adequate funds provided to achieve this goal.

- Under the 1990 National Affordable Housing Act, and earlier federal legislation, some useful, but still inadequate, protections are offered to residents of so-called "expiring-use projects"—developments built by private owners with

## PN Special Feature

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

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

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

government subsidies that after an initial 20-year period can be withdrawn from the subsidy system, and thus become unregulated private housing.

Several hundred thousand units of such housing are in danger of being lost from the lower-income stock, and an equal number of families is threatened with displacement.

Pner Emily Achtenberg will receive a PRRAC grant to complete work on a technical assistance handbook to enable residents to use legislative protections most effectively in order to retain their housing in permanently affordable form, under resident control.

The handbook will focus primarily on Massachusetts, where a disproportionate number of such threatened developments is located, but will be useful to activists in other states as well.

• The New York City Housing Authority operates some 175,000 units of public housing. Roughly 10 percent of the residents are white, yet there are a number of projects, located in areas like Forest Hills and Staten Island, where white occupancy

is in the 60-80-percent range—something that could occur by chance with about a 0.000001-percent probability.

It is generally acknowledged that the Housing Authority's tenant placement and selection policies, undergirded by some very relevant political history in the city, are responsible for this.

The Legal Aid Society of New York City has brought suit against these policies, and has amply documented both the factual situation and the administrative procedures that produce these patterns.

It now wants to expand the suit, and remedies sought, to cover alleged discriminatory patterns of expenditures for modernization, repairs, security, amenities, etc., based on the racial composition of projects.

In other words, largely white projects are taken care of better by the Housing Authority, which, among other things, serves to perpetuate the lopsided patterns of residence by race: Presumably, there would be lots of white families which would be willing to move to projects in minority areas of the city, if the projects

themselves were well maintained.

The PRRAC grant will fund research on both the Housing Authority's system for allocating such expenditures, and on the resulting conditions, and will propose equalization remedies.

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The above package of PRRAC's first grant awards represents a good cross-section of issues, players, and remedies sought around persistent race and poverty problems.

I'd be interested in hearing comments from Planners Network members on the direction PRRAC is moving in, suggestions for future work and emphasis, what this initial set of grants says about the politics of racism and poverty in the U.S., and strategic paths to overcome them.

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*Chester Hartman is President/Executive Director of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council, and Chair of Planners Network.*

## Passing the Word

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of essays on what activists can do about the Persian Gulf crisis. Copies are \$12.95, from: Common Courage Press, Box 702, Monroe, ME 04951, 207/525-0900.

☐ HOMELESS GROUP/DIRECTOR: Fred Karnas Jr., past Chair of homeless coalitions in both Arizona and Florida, has been selected Executive Director of the National Coalition for the Homeless, 1621 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/265-2371.

☐ MINORITIES/PLANNING: From Joshua Goldfinger (Dept. of Urban Design and Planning, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, 206/543-4190): As a Masters in Urban Planning candidate, I am preparing a bibliography on racial and ethnic minority participation in the U.S. planning profession. I would appreciate any help in identifying books, articles, reports, video or audio tapes, or other documents.

☐ CALIFORNIA GREENS: Pner Paul Niebanck (College Eight, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, 408/459-2568) and 16 undergraduates are investigating the "Green" phenomenon in California. They want to connect with academics who are studying or involved with Greens elsewhere.

☐ CITIES/COMMUNICATIONS: *The New Urban Infrastructure: Cities and Telecommunications*, edited by Jurgen Schmandt and others, examines the experience of 13 cities in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico for their city-government role in

guiding the development of advanced telecommunications networks, deemed necessary for community economic survival. Copies are \$45, from: Praeger Publishers, 88 Post Rd. W., Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881, 203/226-3571.

☐ HOUSING QUERY: From Networker Woody Widrow (17 Westview Rd., Verona, NJ 07044, 201/239-7132): I am looking for individuals who have researched or interviewed full-equity or limited-equity residents in housing owned and/or managed by community development corporations on how the residents have viewed the nonprofit owner/developer. I'm working on a book chapter on whether private tenants will prosper as individuals move in to limited-equity housing (forever housing).

☐ COMMUNITIES/RURAL: *The Community in Rural America*, by Kenneth P. Wilkinson, reviews the status of rural communities, and proposes that outside interventions, rather than grassroots action, are needed to remove rural barriers to community development. Copies are \$39.95, from: Greenwood Press Inc., 88 Post Rd. W., Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881, 203/226-3571.

☐ POVERTY/BREAST CANCER: *Poverty and Breast Cancer in New York City*, by Pner Barry Skura, is a report from the New York City Comptroller's Office of Policy Management (1 Centre St., New York, NY 10007, 212/669-7396), which concludes that poor women in the city are dying unnecessarily of breast cancer, and proposes a system-wide plan for early detection. No price listed.

☐ YOUTHS/PHILADELPHIA: *Adolescent Health in Philadelphia* is a report from the Philadelphia Health Management

- Corp. (260 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19102, 215/985-2500), which concludes that homicide is the leading cause of death for the city's adolescents (compared to motor vehicle accidents, nationally). No price listed.
- PLANNING/PRACTITIONERS: *Regional and Local Economic Analysis for Practitioners*, by Avrom Bendavid-Val, is now available in a fourth edition, updating the 1983 version. This is the standard, practitioner-oriented study of the state of the art of regional and local economic development, according to its publisher, Praeger Publishers, 88 Post Rd. W., Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881, 203/226-3571. Copies are \$55.
- BIKING/SANTA CRUZ: People Power, organized by Jim and Jessica Deveran (3300 Portola Dr. #19, Santa Cruz, CA 95062, 408/462-5968), is a new Santa Cruz grassroots organization promoting biking as an alternative to the automobile and petroleum consumption. So far, it has sponsored four mass rides, elicited public hearing testimony, and generated much media attention.
- ACCOUNTANTS/HOUSING: From Networker Bob Bender (Accountants for the Public Interest-NJ, 127 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060, 908/561-7979): I'd welcome suggestions on the best use of volunteer accountants, particularly those with little professional experience, as housing counsellors, for potential first-time homebuyers perhaps. Have people generally had good experiences with volunteers, or bad?
- ALTERNATIVE RADIO: "Another Perspective" is a weekly public affairs radio series with moderator Richard Healy, Director of the Institute for Policy Studies. Details: Another Perspective, 1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W. 5th Flr., Wash. DC 20009, 202/234-9382.
- PEACE/SECURITY DIRECTORY: *The Access Resource Guide*, edited by William H. Kincaide and Priscilla B. Hayner, is a 238-page international directory of information on war, peace, and security. Copies are \$14.95, from: Ballinger Publishing Co., 54 Church St., Cambridge, MA 02138.
- MIDDLE EAST RESOURCE: The Study Circles Resource Center (Box 203, Pomfret, CT 06258, 203/928-2616) has available a free packet of discussion materials, *America's Role in the Middle East*.
- PNER UPDATE: PNER Peter Dreier (Boston Redevelopment Authority, City Hall, Boston, MA 02201) has co-authored two articles in *Urban Affairs Quarterly* on Boston's progressive housing and development policies. One, "The Limits of Localism: Progressive Housing Policies in Boston, 1984-85," written with PNER Dennis Keating, was in the December 1990 issue; the other, "Downtown Development and Urban Reform: The Politics of Boston's Linkage Policy," written with Bruce Ehrlich, was in the March 1991 issue.
- WOMEN/HOUSING: The Women's Housing Coalition (625 Broadway, New York, NY 10012) has issued *Women's Perspectives on Neighborhood Developments: Housing To Meet Community Needs*, a guide to such issues as day care and housing; women, work, and home; community empowerment; and model housing. Copies are \$5 for individuals, \$15 for organizations.
- RURAL HEALTH CARE: *Limited Access: Health Care for the Rural Poor*, by Laura Summer, is a 106-page report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash. DC 20002, 202/408-1080) on gaps in and barriers to adequate rural health care. It recommends improvements in the National Health Service Corps, Community and Migrant Health Centers, and Medicaid. No price listed.
- NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTING: *Public and Private Investments in Urban Neighborhoods: The Chicago Neighborhood Information System Project* is a 17-page report for the city's community-based housing and economic development organizations on tracking five indicators citywide at neighborhood-level detail. The indicators were public capital investment, housing and economic development subsidies, private investment, real estate sales, and property tax assessments. Copies: James L. Greer, Urban Data Systems Inc., Box 96, Red Hook, NY 12571, 914/758-0502. No price listed.
- HOMELESSNESS CAUCUS: The Caucus on Homelessness (c/o Beth Weltzman, NYU Health Research Program, 40 W. 4th St. #738, New York, NY 10003, 212/998-7446) serves as a center for discussion and activity on ideas, research, policies, programs, and proposals aimed at preventing and ending homelessness. Membership is \$15.
- ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: *A Painless Recession? The Economic Downturn and Policy Responses* is a 40-page report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash. DC 20002, 202/408-1080) on possible effects of the early-1991 recession, weaknesses in the federal safety net of programs, and selected policy reforms. No price listed.
- TUFTS FELLOWSHIP: The Department of Urban and Environmental Policy at Tufts Univ. (Medford, MA 02155, 617/381-3394) is seeking funding for a new Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship Program, which would provide tuition support and a \$10,000 annual stipend for economically disadvantaged graduate students and, especially, people of color training for careers in public service. Meantime, it is recruiting Fellowship-eligible admissions candidates. Details: PNER Robert M. Hollister, Associate Professor and Chair.
- BOSTON CONDOS: *House of Cards: Absentee-Owned Condominiums and Neighborhood Instability* is a report on the growing problem of absentee, investor-owned condominiums in Boston, where only about one-third of the city's condos are occupied by their owners. The report was sponsored by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (c/o Peter Dreier, City Hall, Boston, MA 02201), the Massachusetts Tenants' Association, and others. No price listed.
- 1990 HOUSING BILL: The Low Income Housing Information Service (1012 14th St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) has available two versions of a briefing book on the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. One is 400 pages, for \$29.95; the other is 58 pages, no price listed.
- COMMUNITIES/ENVIRONMENT: The Center for Neighborhood Technology (2125 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60647, 312/278-4800) has issued *Community Environmental Business Opportunities: A Compilation*, a sourcebook with examples of environmental and energy conservation ventures nationwide for

consideration by nonprofits in low-income neighborhoods. Copies are \$10.

□ **UPDATING ALINSKI:** *After Alinski: Community Organizing in Illinois*, edited by Peg Knoepfle, reviews the effectiveness of Chicago community organizer Saul Alinski, and tells how a new generation of activists relate Alinski-style organizing to politics and civil rights. Copies are \$11.95, from: Sangamon State Univ., Springfield, IL 62794, 217/786-6084.

□ **ORGANIZING GUIDE:** *Organizing for Social Change: A Manual for Activists in the 1990s*, by Kim Bobo and others, all of the Midwest Academy, is a 288-page manual for grassroots organizers working for social, political, environmental, and economic change. Copies are \$22.95 (paper), from: Seven Locks Press, Box 27, Cabin John, MD 20818, 800/537-9359.

□ **HOUSING FUNDS:** *Making Housing Set-Asides Work* is a set of three reports on a California affordable housing set-aside fund, which receives a portion of tax-increment revenues. The "Executive Summary" is free; "California Guidebook of Model Affordable Housing Projects" is \$30; "Report of the Access to Capital Planning Phase" is \$15. Copies: The Development Fund, 1107 Oak St., San Francisco, CA 94117, 415/863-7800.

□ **RESEARCH/WOMEN:** The National Council for Research on Women (47-49 E. 65th St., New York, NY 10021, 212/570-5001) is a national coalition and clearinghouse of international information, providing links among individuals and groups doing research, policy and grassroots work. Memberships begin at \$35.

□ **HOTELS/HOMELESSNESS:** The Cornell Univ. School of Hotel Administration (Ithaca, NY 14853) has published two pamphlets on encouraging hotels to increase their response to homelessness, *Making a Difference*, aimed at the hotel business community, and *Accessing the Hotel and Restaurant Industry*, aimed at shelter providers. In addition, the School will offer a course July 22-26, "Opening Doors," for service providers working with homeless people. Details: Ann Hales.

□ **COMPUTER NETWORK:** Community Link (914 Lincoln Way W., South Bend, IN 46616, 219/287-0391) is offering two new services on its housing and community development computer network. One, "Be Heard in DC," allows Community Link members to comment on proposed implementing regulations for the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990; the other, "Ask the Expert," provides answers on housing issues. Details: Neil Gilbert.

□ **NEIGHBORHOODS/PUERTO RICAN:** The National Puerto Rican Coalition (1700 K St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20006, 202/223-3915) has published *Community Economic Development in Puerto Rican Neighborhoods*, which reviews the efforts of groups in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, and Connecticut. Copies are \$10.

□ **HOMELESSNESS BOOK:** *A Street Is Not a Home: Solving America's Homeless Dilemma*, by Judge Robert C. Coates of San Diego Municipal Court, is a 356-page presentation of problems and solutions, with an overall view of homelessness as "fundamentally a moral issue." Free. Copies: Law Library Justice Foundation, 1105 Front St., San Diego, CA 92101, 619/531-3904.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING:** *Neighborhood Funding Bulletin Board* is a quarterly newsletter on funding programs and opportunities, published by the Development Training Institute, 4806 Seton Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215, 301/764-0780. Subscriptions are \$20.

□ **CDCs/SOCIAL SERVICES:** The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1612 K St. N.W. #510, Wash. DC 20006, 202/659-8411) has published *Human Investments . . . Community Profits*, a 13-page report encouraging community development corporations to explore opportunities in social services delivery. No price listed.

□ **HOUSING PLAN GUIDE:** The Center for Community Change of Wash. DC, and the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (69 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114, 617/742-9250) have published *CHAS Action Guide*, an aid for lower-income citizens in reviewing and commenting on their community's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, newly required by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as a prerequisite to local funding under the Act. No price listed.

## Upcoming Conferences

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□ **TUFTS INSTITUTE:** The eighth annual Management and Community Development Institute will be held June 3-8 at Tufts Univ. (Medford, MA 02155, 617/381-3549) outside Boston. Presentations include 47 one- and two-day courses on nonprofit management, fundraising, community organizing, community economic development, and affordable housing development.

□ **RURAL HOUSING:** The Housing Assistance Council (1025 Vermont Ave. N.W. #606, Wash. DC 20005) will present a national rural housing conference, "And Miles to Go," December 10-12 in Arlington, VA, outside Washington.

□ **BUSINESS INCUBATORS:** The National Business Incubation Association (1 President St., Athens, OH 45701, 614/593-4331) will present a series of training institutes around the country for business incubator managers and developers, and for economic development officials. The dates and sites: May 4-7, Harrisburg, PA; June 1-4, Indianapolis, IN; September 7-10, Oklahoma City, OK; and October 26-29, Jackson, MS.

□ **WOMEN/DEVELOPMENT:** The Ms. Foundation for Women (141 Fifth Ave. #6-S, New York, NY 10010, 212/353-8580) will present the fourth annual Institute on Women and Economic Development September 5-8 in Peachtree City, GA. Contact: Sara Gould, Danielle Burnside.

□ **ELDERLY/BENEFITS:** The American Association of Retired Persons (1901 K St. N.W. #542, Wash. DC 20049) will present a public benefits outreach conference September 12-13 in Washington on increasing enrollment in Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, and food stamps.

□ **DISABILITIES ACT:** The American Society of Law & Medicine (765 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215) is sponsoring a conference May 9-10 in Cambridge, MA, on "The Americans with Disabilities Act: What It Means for All Americans." Registration is \$350.

CUNY NYC SEMINARS: CUNY New York City Seminars will present a speaker April 25 at Baruch College (17 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10010, 212/387-1400) on "The War from the Perspective of Immigrant Communities." The April 25 speaker will be Alfred Tolchinsky, Editor in Chief, Kaleidoscope (Soviet Immigrants). An earlier session presented Neal Saad, Director, Arab-American Community Center, on March 21.

REBUILDING COMMUNITIES: The Municipal Art Society of New York will present May 8 at the Urban Center (457 Madison Ave.) the third in a series of panels on "Rebuilding Poor Communities." The May 8 panel will focus on "Homeless Shelters and Their Neighborhoods." Earlier panels highlighted "The New Ghetto" (March 27) and "Townhouses or Apartments: Issues of Density and Form" (April 3).

NONPROFIT ACCOUNTING: Accountants for the Public Interest-NJ (127 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060, 908/561-7979) will present a conference May 15 in New Brunswick on "Fundraising Accountability and Employee Benefits in the Nonprofit Sector." Registration is \$75.

INDIAN HOUSING: The National American Indian Housing Council (122 C St. N.W. #280, Wash. DC 20001) will hold its 17th annual convention June 16-19 in Juneau, AK, on the theme, "Indian and Alaska Native Housing: Healing Our Spirits." Registration is \$350.

LABELING/ENVIRONMENT: InterConnect (508 15th St. S.E., Wash. DC 20003, 202/543-5821) will sponsor a seminar June 7-8 in Washington on "environmentally friendly" marketing labels. The title: "'Green' Labeling: Trends/Alternatives." Registration is \$275 before May 15, \$400 later. Details: Mary Quinlan.

## Jobs

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

ENERGY ADVOCATE: The National Consumer Law Center Inc. (11 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108, 617/523-8010) is seeking an Energy Advocate for its Washington, DC, office, with at least two years relevant experience, for work primarily on low-income energy conservation programs and fuel assistance. Salary is on NCLC scale. Contact: Adrienne Quinn.

ICE STAFF: The Institute for Community Economics (57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, 413/746-8660) has openings for several staff positions, including Director of Outreach and Development, a Loan Officer, and three interns. Salary is based on need. Contact: Lynn Benander.

ASSISTANT EDITOR: The Institute for Policy Studies (1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/234-9382) is seeking an Assistant Editor for a new publication, *Global Cities*, a quarterly newsletter that will follow the growing involvement of cities and communities in foreign policy. Salary is \$20,000-\$24,000. Contact: Michael Shuman.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Pilsen Resurrection Project

(1641 S. Allport, Chicago, IL 60608, 312/226/7887) is seeking an Executive Director experienced in housing services and housing development. Salary is \$30,000+.

HOUSING POLICY: The Low Income Housing Information Service and National Low Income Housing Coalition (1012 14th St. N.W. #1500, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) are seeking candidates for a new position, Director, Legislation and Policy, with experience in housing policy issues and grassroots constituencies. No salary listed.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: The City of Milwaukee is seeking a Director of Economic Development, with at least six years experience in urban economic development and working with elected officials. Salary is \$61,000-\$85,000. Contact: Timothy J. Keeley, City Staffing Division, City Hall #706, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

## Ex Conferences

NY REGIONAL PLANNING: Regional Plan Association (1040 Sixth Ave., New York, NY 10018) held a conference April 11 in New York, "The 1991 Regional Assembly: Shaping the Region Tomorrow," on strategies for the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut metropolitan region.

COMPUTERS/MENTAL HEALTH: The Association for the Advancement of Mental Health Research and Education (1315 W. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46202, 317/634-8401), together with others, presented a conference April 19 in Indianapolis, "Computer Applications in Mental Health: 1991 Update."

HOMELESS HOUSING: The National Alliance To End Homelessness (1518 K St. N.W. #206, Wash. DC 20005, 202/638-1526), together with others, presented a conference April 17-19 in Chicago on "Single-Room/Efficiency Housing: A National Conference on Affordable Housing for the Homeless."

HOUSING/SAN DIEGO: The San Diego Housing Commission (1625 Newton Ave., San Diego, CA 92113, 619/231-9400), together with others, sponsored a conference March 1 in San Diego on "Affordable Housing: Creating More Livable Communities," exploring connections between affordable housing and a jobs-housing balance. Contact: Ken Grimes, Planning Analyst.

## Etcetera

JUNE PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the June *Planners Network* is Monday, June 3. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

**Arrival deadline for PN #88 copy: Monday, June 3.**

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