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□ OLD 97: This is issue #97 of the Planners Network, reflecting the approximately bimonthly publication schedule we launched in late 1975. Our 100th issue will be coming up in July, and, as often happens, such signal anniversaries cause reflection, perhaps redirection.

Tom Angotti's PN Special Feature (on page 3) essentially asks, where have all the radical planners gone?

Similarly, April Modlinger recently (and accurately) wrote, anent the discussion in the past few issues on the Network's direction and future:

"One of the problems is that the mission of the organization has little to do with the activities of the organization. The agenda, . . . to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy . . . is far more ambitious than the program—the publication of the newsletter. I suggest that either one or the other be changed. For example, if the stated mission were to provide an informed exchange for people trying to address economic inequities, what we're doing would be just fine."

Sometime in the next week or two you will receive from us a questionnaire about future PN directions and options, including the possibility of bagging the whole enterprise as having outlived its usefulness.

Rob Mier, for example, recently wrote us the following:

"As wonderful as PN has been, it has seen its day. I find the information too often dated. It is so easy these days to exchange information in real time, using electronic bulletin boards. Any one of the PN Steering Committee members affiliated with a university could set up one for free. Even people not affiliated with a university could gain access easily through MCI or even, I think, Compuserve, Prodigy, etc."

Our upcoming "100th" ought to be a time for serious thought about "whither/wither PN," and we need your input.

□ NEW PN PHONE/FAX: PN has new phone and fax numbers, starting with this issue, but there is no change in our address. Please update your Rolodexes to make PN's phone 202/347-1457, and fax 202/638-2095.

With PN Chair Chester Hartman's move out of IPS, it's easier to route calls and faxes to Newsletter Editor Prentice Bowsher's office, but (for a variety of practical reasons) better to keep the IPS mailing address, which mail Chester retrieves regularly.

□ RECRUITING NEW PNeRS: We still need to give more conscious thought to letting relevant folks know about PN. Our mailing list, for example, has slumped from nearly 900 names three years ago to barely 600 now. Faculty especially should distribute the PN introductory sheet, "The Planners Network—What It Is," to their students; and as PNeR Jennifer Coile writes, "We really should take copies of the 'PN—What It Is' statement to regional American Planning Association conferences." We'll make copies available at your request.

□ PN ARCHIVES? We never received any suggestions on an archival home for past PN newsletters (see PN #94, July 1992). Please let us know if you have any ideas.

□ PN CONTRIBUTION GUIDE: A recent note accompanying a check asked, "Do you have a formula we should base our payments on?" The answer is, Yes we do.

The formula recommended by the Steering Committee, which is noted in the box that usually runs on the newsletter's inside back cover, is \$15 for students and the unemployed, and graduated payments for the employed of \$25 plus \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

The overall financial picture is that it costs about \$21 a year to serve you all, but that barely half of you make any financial contribution.

□ FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since our last newsletter, we have received contributions from 56 Networkers, totaling \$1,766. This brought our 1992 totals to \$11,097 from 331 members. For comparison, our 1991 totals were \$14,926 from 442 Networkers.

The nearly \$4,000 drop in contributions from 1991 to 1992 is accounted for almost completely by shrinking PN membership, from 766 PNeRS at the end of 1991 to 605 at 1992 year's end. In both years, the average contribution was the same, at \$34, and the percentage of contributing Networkers was nearly the same, 58 percent in 1991, and 55 percent in 1992. As PN Chair Chester Hartman says elsewhere in this issue, we need to let more folks know about PN.

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

Passing the Word

□ HOUSING/NYC: The October *City Limits* (40 Prince St., New York, NY 10012) featured a 10-page special report on "Crisis and Change in Low-Income Housing," focusing on New York City's program of transferring ownership and management of city-owned buildings to community groups. Single issues are \$2.50; subscriptions (10 issues) are \$20.

□ CONGRESS/FAMILIES: ACORN (739 8th St., S.E., Wash., DC 20003, 202/547-9292) has issued a 13-page report, "The People's Scorecard: How the 102nd Congress Voted Against Low- and Moderate-Income Families." No price listed.

□ PNeR UPDATE: From Donna C. Bird (Box 4055, Portland, ME 04101): With my new husband, I moved here from my United Way job in Hartford, CT, and am working as an adjunct teacher in the Sociology Department at the Univ. of Southern Maine, and a part-time researcher at the Muskie Institute for Public Policy, a liberal think-tank attached to USM.

In my spare time, I'm putting together the lit review for my PhD dissertation. I'd like to develop critical case studies of the processes under way in several states to reform their health care systems by moving toward universal access. I'd welcome corres-

pondence from any Pners who've worked on health care access commissions or the like.

□ **BUSINESS INCUBATORS:** The National Business Incubation Association (1 President St., Athens, OH 45701, 614/593-4331) has issued two reports, *State of the Business Incubation Industry 1991* (135 pages, \$52.50), and *Bricks and Mortar: How To Find and Design the Best Business Incubator Facilities* (80 pages, \$53.50).

□ **ADVOCACY/PUERTO RICAN:** The National Puerto Rican Coalition (1700 K St. N.W. #500, Wash., DC 20006, 202/223-3915) has created a new publication, *Research Advocacy Notes*. Contact: Jose Cruz.

□ **WOMEN/THE ECONOMY:** The December *Dollars and Sense* (1 Summer St., Somerville, MA 02143, 617/628-8411) featured articles on the economic underpinnings of the "family values" debate, women and health care, the economics of domestic violence, and economic development programs for low-income women. Copies are \$3.50.

□ **WHITHER PN?** From Pner Steve Barton (Community Development Dept., 2180 Milvia St., Berkeley, CA 94704): I would like to see more people write in not only with what they are working on lately, but also with the political and administrative problems their programs are running into. The short notes are generally pretty lifeless, and I know from my own experience the world is just not like that. It may not always be possible to write about problems with a council, city manager, or even neighborhood NIMBYs, while working for a local government. But eventually people do move on. We need a lot more evaluation of what it takes to get things going, as a balance to the notes of publications on broad social problems, and papers on things that can work and have helped a small number of people.

□ **HOUSING SPEECH:** The Metropolitan Planning Council (220 S. State St., Chicago, IL 60604, 312/922-5616) has copies of a speech by Anthony Downs of the Brookings Institution, "Creating More Affordable Housing." No price listed.

□ **URBAN UNDERCLASS Database**, by John Kasarda, sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, is available from the Kenan Institute, CB#3440, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Details: Andrea Bohlig, 919/962-8201.

□ **SHELTERS/FAMILIES:** The Citizens Committee for Children of New York (212/673-1800) has issued a report, *On Their Own—At What Cost? A Look at Families Who Leave Shelters*, which documents depressing results, and recommends changes for improving outcomes. Copies are \$7.50.

□ **PLANNING BIBLIOGRAPHIES:** The Council of Planning Libraries is seeking up-to-date, preferably annotated, bibliographies on topics relevant to practicing and academic planners. Authors whose manuscripts are accepted for publication in the "CPL Bibliographies" series are paid \$200. Details: Elizabeth Byrne, Environmental Design Library, 210 Wurster Hall, Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

□ **MICRO-LOAN GRANTS:** The Small Business Administration has established a loan and grant demonstration (with a February 15 application deadline) for marketing, management, and technical assistance to women, low-income and minority

entrepreneurs, business owners, and others. For copies of the announcement booklet (OFA-93-0001): SBA Office of Financing, 409 3rd St. S.W. 8th Flr., Wash., DC 20416, 202/205-6570.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:** The November/December *Archives of Environmental Health* includes papers from a January 1992 workshop, "Making Use of Environmental Exposure Databases." Copies are \$15, from: H.D. Reid Education Foundation, 1319 18th St. N.W., Wash., DC 20036, 800/365-9753.

□ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #524, Wash., DC 20009, 202/234-5009) has issued two reports, *Restoring Broken Places and Rebuilding Communities: A Casebook on African American Church Involvement in Community Economic Development* (104 pages, \$25), and *Human Services: An Economic Development Opportunity—A Manual for Economic-Based Enterprises* (136 pages, \$25).

□ **HEALTH CARE/MANAGEMENT:** From Pner Gordon Schiff MD (General Medicine Clinic, Cook County Hospital, 1835 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60612): The important Japanese/Deming managerial philosophy speaks about empowering workers and addressing "systems" causes, rather than blaming workers for quality problems. It is becoming the dominant paradigm in U.S. managerial circles, including health care management. It is a problematic blend of progressive and contradictory ideas.

As health care quality assurance progressives, we are seeking to better understand, and develop a progressive analysis of, continuous-quality-improvement theory and practice. We are interested in being in touch with others grappling with CQI pluses and negatives.

□ **AFDC REPORT:** The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080) has issued a 51-page report, *Enough To Live On: Setting an Appropriate AFDC Need Standard*, by Kathryn Larin with Kathryn Porter. No price listed.

□ **HOUSING POLICY:** The November/December *Shelterforce* features a 19-page "Memo to President-Elect Clinton, Re: A National Housing Policy for the '90s," by Pners Peter Dreier and John Atlas. Copies are \$3, from: National Housing Institute, 439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050, 201/678-3110.

□ **SPEAKERS BUREAU:** The People's Tribune Speakers Bureau (Box 5412, Compton, CA 90244, 310/428-2618) represents a variety of community activists that can make the case for "an America where no one is jobless, homeless, or hungry."

□ **URBAN ISSUES:** *The Bold New Vision of Heritage* is a 20-page publication from the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation (1170 Peel St., Montreal, Quebec H3B 4P2, Canada, 514/878-5270) on urban conservation, its importance to society, and its potential as a positive, driving force in creating lively cities which preserve the riches of the past for future generations. Among groups profiled as illustrations is the Planners Network. The foundation also has announced a 10-year grant program for community groups with urban conservation projects.

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Planning after Los Angeles: Why the Silence?

by Tom Angotti

The response by planners, including Planners Network, to the May 1992 urban rebellions in South Central Los Angeles has been minimal.

Planners have behaved no differently than most other professional and political groups: with dismay, confusion, and, most of all, silence. Why the silence?

In the 1970s, the earliest Planners Network newsletters were filled with ideas and debates about the role of non-mainstream planners. The discussions about what to call ourselves—"radical," "socialist," or a diverse "network"—were part of a search for an alternative to mainstream planning theory and practice. They reflected the broader political discussion going on in the country about alternatives to poverty and inequality.

Today, the debate is absent both at the national and Network levels. In large measure, this is inevitable:

- The anti-war, civil rights, and community movements that provided the backdrop and impulse for our discussions have dissipated.

- The Reagan Counterrevolution scored many political and ideological victories, and left depression and malaise among the sizeable minority of the American population that seeks a new agenda based on equality and social justice.

- The collapse of the Soviet Union and "real socialism" removed the illusions many of us had that there was a more perfect, planned social system, which could serve as a point of reference, if not a utopian model.

- The current crisis of the European welfare state has called into question many of the classical premises of liberal reform and social democracy.

The denouement of Reaganism has not reversed the prevailing decline in liberal, progressive, and radical alternatives to *laissez-faire* ideology and trickle-down public policy. Many of us remember the planning failures after the Watts and Newark rebellions in the 1960s, and have a healthy skepticism of the role of the state.

There is still a need for an alternative to

mainstream planning. Mainstream planning has drifted so far from the most critical central-city problems and issues of social justice it isn't even asking the questions any more:

- Why does planning still reinforce suburban exclusion and urban inequality?

- Why are planning agencies and schools still mostly white? Why did they abandon equal opportunity when the federal money dried up?

- Why are planning schools preoccupied with churning out highly specialized technocrats, computer models, real estate specialists, growth-control planning models for exclusive suburbs, and environmental planners for a privileged suburban majority?

It appears that the planning establishment has given up on the problems of poverty, homelessness, environmental racism, drugs and violence. Many have followed the anti-planning prejudices of the 1980s into a new free-market mania.

The absence of a broader national debate and the collapse of models have stifled all of us. Yet changes in our political culture have created new conditions for a

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.

more interesting and complex discussion.

We now have a larger and more sophisticated progressive movement searching for alternatives that can promote both social welfare and social justice, both integration and diversity (Jane Jacobs' principle of "integrated diversity" seems more relevant than ever).

The Rainbow Coalition, the mosaic of African American, Latino, Asian, environmental, gay and lesbian, and other communities in many cities, is struggling for new solutions to poverty and inequality.

There is less tolerance for the crude dualisms of the past—rich/poor, black/white, capital/labor—and a greater need to establish common bonds.

This time around, Planners Network could become a forum for discussing new ideas and new solutions.

The defeat of Bush and the return of Democrats to the White House provide new opportunities to press for a national urban policy that addresses central-city problems.

New ideas to improve the urban environment area already coming out of the mainstream, but who will put forth proposals to focus resources on the neighborhoods that have become the worst dumping grounds for waste?

Along with the new schemes to cut health care costs and expand coverage, who will advocate better community-based primary care for underserved communities?

Will new economic development programs like enterprise zones create dead-end jobs for those in greatest need, while the best jobs and retraining opportunities go to the already privileged?

It's time for progressive planners to leave behind the years of silence, and move on to these and other new agendas.

This time we should discuss not how to identify ourselves, but how to promote a planning practice based on social justice, equality, and integrated diversity.

PNER Tom Angotti (808 Eighth Ave. #4-R, Brooklyn, NY 11215) is a city planner in New York, and teaches at City University of New York. His book, Metropolis 2000: Planning, Poverty, and Politics, will be published by Routledge in June.

Passing the Word

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□ CHILDREN'S REPORT: The Children's Defense Fund (25 E St. N.W., Wash. DC 20001, 202/628-8787) has issued its annual update, *The State of America's Children 1992* (184 pages, \$14.95).

□ WOMEN/WELFARE: The NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund (99 Hudson St., New York, NY 10013, 212/925-6635) has a 14-page summary of a June 1992 roundtable, "Report of the Roundtable for Activists and Advocates: Challenging the Welfare War on Women." No price listed. Contact: Martha Davis.

□ DEVELOPMENT LENDING: The Community Information Exchange (1029 Vermont Ave. N.W. #710, Wash., DC 20005, 202/628-2981) has issued a 91-page report, *Lending for Community Economic Development: A Guide for Small Town and Rural Lenders*. Copies are \$15.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Peg Seip (The Bronx Health Plan, 1 Fordham Plaza, Bronx, NY 10458, 212/733-4747): I recently joined the staff of an HMO serving Medicaid recipients and uninsured residents of the Bronx. I would be interested to hear from others with experience in managed care (especially evaluation) and community health center development.

□ MORTGAGE LENDING/CHICAGO: The Woodstock Institute (407 S. Dearborn #550, Chicago, IL, 60605, 312/427-8070) has issued *The 1991 Community Lending Fact Book*, which presents housing loans by banks, savings and loans, and mortgage banks according to community areas. No price listed.

□ PROFILE/PUERTO RICANS: The National Puerto Rican Coalition (1700 K St. N.W. #500, Wash., DC 20006, 202/223-3915) has issued three reports: *A People in Two Communities: Puerto Ricans on the Island and in the U.S.* (40 pages); *A Demographic Profile of Puerto Ricans in the U.S.* (36 pages); and *Puerto Rican Participation in Jobs Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Programs: A Preliminary Assessment* (31 pages). No prices listed.

□ TAX CREDIT GUIDE: *Tax Credits for Low-Income Housing: Opportunities for Developers, Nonprofits, and Communities Under the 1986 and Subsequent Tax Acts* is the updated, 358-page, seventh edition of PNER Joe Guggenheim's guide to the low-income housing tax credit. Copies are \$163.50, from: Simon Publications, Box 229, Glen Echo, MD 20812, 301/320-5771.

□ CHILD CARE/NYC: The Women and Planning Subcommittee of the New York Metro American Planning Association has released a paper, "Child Care, Safety, and Transportation," recommending policy and zoning reform to encourage development of child care facilities. It has been presented to New York City's Planning Commission, and has drawn support from the Child Care Action Campaign, the Local Initiatives Support Corp., and others. Details: Irene Fanos, 212/720-3444; Peg Seip, 212/979-9544.

□ NEIGHBORHOODS/CHICAGO: The Interfaith Organizing Project (1617 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60617, 312/243-3328) has issued a 35-page report, *The New 'West Side*

Story, on efforts by Near West Side groups to negotiate with the city and private stadium developers for some \$20 million in neighborhood reinvestment funds. Single copies are free.

□ URBAN COMMUNITIES: *Building Strong Communities: Strategies for Urban Change* is an 82-page report on a 1992 conference sponsored by the Ford, Rockefeller, and Annie Casey Foundations. Included are the keynote address by William Julius Wilson, and papers by Ron Shiffman, Peter Edelman, and others. Copies: American Writing Corp., 1825 Eye St. N.W. #400, Wash., DC 20006. No price listed.

□ PUBLIC HOUSING REPORT: The National Commission on Severely Distressed Public Housing has issued its final report (No. 512-0132, August 8, 1992), which is available from the Government Printing Office, 202/783-3238. Copies are \$15.

□ ECO-CITIES GUIDE: From PNER Geniphyr Ponce-Pore (Box 41, Slippery Rock, PA 16057, 412/794-4604): As a graduate student earning my Master's degree in sustainable systems, I am writing a resource guide of people and organizations working on issues of sustainability in urban settings (aka, eco-cities). Please send me suggested listings, including transportation, community-scale economics/cooperatives, urban food production, waste disposal/recycling, energy, community development, urban co-housing, and residential-scale sustainability. Also, any suggestions for making this a truly useful resource for those in the urban sustainability field?

□ SCHOOLS/TRACKING: *Crossing the Tracks: How 'Un-tracking' Can Save America's Schools* (331 pages), by PNER Anne Wheelock, has been published by New Press for the Massachusetts Advocacy Center. No price listed.

□ SOCIAL JUSTICE/HARLEM: Action for Community Empowerment (126 W. 110th St., New York, NY 10026) is a community organizing and social justice group in central Harlem, working to better the neighborhood and improve living conditions. Its newsletter, *Catalyst*, has highlighted a project on improving conditions in city-owned buildings.

□ CHILD DEVELOPMENT GRANTS: The Foundation for Child Development (345 E. 46th St., New York, NY 10017, 212/697-3150) is accepting applications (until March 30) for up to seven \$25,000-\$50,000 grants in support of new measures that could be used in evaluating community-change initiatives designed to benefit families and children. Contact: Sheila Smith.

□ DEVELOPMENT BANKING: *Credit Where It Is Due: Development Banking for Communities*, by Julia Ann Parzen and Michael Hall Kieschnick, is a book from Temple Univ. Press on how financial institutions can support community economic development and maintain prudent banking practices. Examples include South Shore Bank in Chicago, Northern Community Investment Corp. in Vermont, and the Self-Help Credit Union in North Carolina.

□ VIDEOS/ORGANIZING: The Chicago Video Project (1229 N. North Branch #301, Chicago, IL 60622, 312/335-9565) produces organizing-driven video as a tool for grassroots organizations in strengthening organizational development, developing strong leaders, informing and involving potential neighborhood participants, and interpreting community issues for local and national media.

□ HUD-ASSISTED HOUSING: A 253-page report, *Characteristics of HUD-Assisted Renters and Their Units*, is available from Connie Casey, PDR, HUD-8208, Wash., DC 20410. No price listed.

□ URBAN SUSTAINABILITY: The Eos Institute (580 Broadway #200, Laguna Beach, CA 92651, 714/497-1896) provides educational resources, technical assistance, teaching, and research in the development of sustainable urban environments. It also publishes a journal, *Earthword*, with past issues on ecological cities, and sustainable transportation planning, and a forthcoming issue (for which it is seeking articles) on the concept of land.

□ ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM: The Southwest Organizing Project (211 10th St. S.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505/247-8832) has available four pamphlets on environmental racism: *Toxics, Race, and Class: The Poisoning of Communities; Unsafe for Women, Children, and Other Living Things; When People of Color Are an Endangered Species; and Fighting Environmental Racism*. They are \$2.50 each, for \$8 a set.

□ ALTERNATIVE PRESS: The Gap Media Project (1415 Birch St., Yellow Springs, OH 45387, 513/767-2224) is an organization in formation to increase public awareness of, and access to, alternative publications on peace, social justice, women's issues, racism, human rights, ecology, animal rights, education, arms control, and more.

□ CDBG GUIDES: The Howard Univ. Housing and Community Studies Center (2900 Van Ness St. N.W. #HC-310, Wash., DC 20008, 202/806-8770) has available two publications, *Management Workbook for Community Development Block Grant Organizations*, and an accompanying training guide, both by Jean McRae and P.Ner Michael Mbanaso. No price listed.

□ PROGRESSIVE RESOURCE: *Macrocosm USA* is a 422-page interdisciplinary resource, with more than 200 articles and 5,000 listings (including Planners Network) of progressive organizations, periodicals, media outlets, businesses, publishers, and references sources. Copies are \$24.95 (paper), from: Macrocosm USA Inc., Box 969, Cambria, CA 93428.

□ WOMEN/POLICY: The Economists' Policy Group on Women's Issues (733 15th St. N.W. #202, Wash., DC 20005, 202/885-3790) has issued a "Women's Policy Agenda," endorsed by an array of economists. No price listed.

□ PLANNING/TORONTO: Metropolitan Toronto is considering a new Official Plan, *The Liveable Metropolis*, which would update and revise a 1980 Plan. P.Ner David Gurin has been deeply involved in its preparation. In addition to the draft Plan (which is free), a range of publications also is available (for varying prices): Metropolitan Planning Dept., Metro Hall 22nd Flr. Stn. 1224, 55 John St., Toronto, Ontario M5V 3C6, Canada.

□ HOUSING INTEGRATION: The Fund for an Open Society (311 S. Juniper St. #400, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/735-6915) has issued a four-page open letter to President-Elect Bill Clinton. Details: Don DeMarco.

□ FANNIE MAE LECTURES: The Fannie Mae Office of Housing Policy Research (3900 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20016, 202/752-4422) has announced that Rutgers Univ., Wayne State Univ., and the Univ. of Wisconsin have been

selected for grants of \$15,000 each to sponsor a Spring 1993 Fannie Mae University Colloquium on housing finance.

At Rutgers, the topic will be financing health-related and other housing for the frail elderly; at Wayne State, housing finance in deflationary markets (highlighting racial discrimination and ineffective demand); and at the Univ. of Wisconsin, development of a secondary market/securitization in multifamily housing.

□ COMMUNITIES/CAPITAL: ACORN (739 8th St. S.E., Wash., DC 20003, 202/547-9292) has issued a 21-page proposal, *Capital and Communities: A Progressive Reform Agenda for the Clinton Administration and the 103rd Congress*. No price listed.

□ SCHOOLS/SMALL BUSINESS: REAL Enterprises, Inc. (948 Old Post Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919/929-3939) helps rural schools across the country create entrepreneurial-education programs that result in school-incubated enterprises. It also publishes a newsletter, *The REAL Story*.

□ MORTGAGE LENDING: Three new reports/resources are available on home mortgage lending: *Mortgage Lending in Boston: Interpreting HMDA Data* (71 pages), by Alicia Munnell and others (Working Paper 92-7, Boston Federal Reserve Bank, 600 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210); "Expanding HMDA Data on Residential Lending: One Year Later," by Glenn Canner and Dolores Smith (November *Federal Reserve Bulletin*); and 1991 reports on mortgage lending in metropolitan statistical areas have become available at a central depository in each MSA (Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (202/634-6526) October 27 news release).

□ RURAL AREAS/THE ECONOMY: The March 1992 *Dollars and Sense* (1 Summer St., Somerville, MA 02143, 617/628-8411) included articles on the rural economic crisis, farm policy, the meatpacking industry, rural credit, and rural community responses to plant closings. Copies are \$3.50.

Upcoming Conferences

LAND USE: The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (113 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138, 617/661-3016) will sponsor a workshop February 12-13 in Santa Monica, CA, on "Land Use and the Constitution: The New Realities," including a review of recent Supreme Court cases. Registration is \$325 for public-sector attendees; \$425 for others.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING: The National Low Income Housing Coalition (1012 14th St. N.W. #1200, Wash., DC 20005, 202/662-1530) will present its annual conference February 20-23 in Washington, on the theme, "Housing Challenges in 1993 and the Prospects for Change."

HOUSING MANAGEMENT: The SRO Housing Corp. (311 S. Spring St. #1110, Los Angeles, CA 90013, 213/229-9640) is seeking a Director of Housing Management for its 700 units of housing. Salary is \$39,000. Contact: P. Andy Raubeson.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT: The Community Training and Assistance Center (30 Winter St., Boston, MA 02108, 617/423-1444) is seeking a Senior Associate for Neighborhood Development. No salary listed.

PRESIDENT: The Local Initiatives Support Corp. (733 Third Ave. 8th Fl., New York, NY 10017) is seeking a President to head its new rural initiative. Contact: P. Jefferson Armistead.

Jobs

PN REMINDER: Some of the jobs we list may have publication 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.

ADOBE APPRENTICES: The Companions/Companeros (Box 291, Presidio, TX 79845) is seeking two apprentices for its work in designing low-cost, energy-efficient adobe housing with courtyard configuration. Work sites are in Presidio County, TX, and Chihuahua State, Mexico. A possible *per diem* is available on arrival, with an eventual small salary. Contact: Simmy Swan, 915/229-3854; 212/831-2323.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The National Association of Neighborhoods (1651 Fuller St. N.W., Wash., DC 20009) is seeking an Executive Director. Salary is in the \$45,000-\$55,000 range. Contact: Althea Gatewood.

HOUSING POLICY: The Affordable Housing Network (Box 1746, Trenton, NJ 08607, 609/393-3752) is seeking a Housing Policy Coordinator. Salary is in the Mid-\$30s. Contact: Diane Sterner.

POLICY ANALYSTS: The National Council of La Raza (810 First St. N.E. 3rd Fl., Wash., DC 20002, 202/289-1380) has openings for Policy Analysts in education, and housing and community development. Contact: Michelle Waldron. No salaries listed.

RURAL HOUSING: The Housing Assistance Council (1025 Vermont Ave. N.W. #606, Wash., DC 20005, 202/842-8600) is seeking a Rural Community Housing Development Specialist. No salary listed.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: The Local Initiatives Support Corp. (547 W. Jackson Blvd. #601, Chicago, IL 60661) is seeking a Program Director for its Houston office. Contact: William Jones.

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MARCH PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the next *Planners Network* is Monday, March 1. 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.

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

MOVING? TELL PN: When you move, please let us know directly. A thoughtful change-of-address postcard will cost you just 19 cents. On the other hand, if the Post Office returns our (non-forwardable) Third Class newsletter with your new address, which is how we often learn of Pners' moves (we mark the

newsletter "Address Correction Requested, "), it costs us far more. So please help us cut our costs, send us a postcard.

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

ADDRESS CHANGES: Many Networkers seem to move around a lot. When you do, please let us have your old address and zip code as well as your new one. Names (like luggage) sometimes look alike, and we want to be sure we change the right address card. Moreover, our cards are maintained in zip code order (because that's the way the Post Office wants the mail); so if we don't have your old zip code, we can't find your old card, and we wind up paying postage for phantom recipients. So please help us, and send both old and new addresses.

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

The Planners Network

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

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

We oppose the economic structure of our society, which values profit and property rights over human rights and needs. This system perpetuates the inequalities of class, race, sex and age which distort human 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.

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