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☐ **PN OUTREACH:** We are making available the September 1993 *Planners Network* newsletter to some 6,200 planning students at 84 universities in the United States and Canada. We want to introduce the newsletter as an information and networking resource, and also Planners Network as an organization.

Planners Network was established in 1975, and is an international membership organization of professionals, activists, faculty, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas.

We publish the *Planners Network* as a bimonthly newsletter, with resource notes, conference and job announcements, and a special essay; and we're planning a May 1994 conference in Washington, DC, which is outlined in this month's "PN Special Feature" on page 3.

If Planners Network is new to you, please consider the newsletter our introduction. We hope you'll consider joining. Further organizational background, regional contacts, and membership information are provided on page 9.

☐ **FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT:** Since the July newsletter, we have received 33 contributions totaling \$1,478. Our thanks to each of you who have so contributed.

Our year-to-date totals stand now at \$6,013 from 148 Networkers, which means we're running behind our September 1992 comparables of \$6,759 from 201 Networkers. Since we mail to more than 600 Networkers worldwide, the numbers mean a lot of you owe us a financial contribution. Please help PN continue with a check, if you can.

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

Passing the Word

☐ **WORKING PARENTS/PN CHALLENGE:** From PNER Gail Schechter (300 Laurel Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091, 708/251-5086): I am an assistant survey director for a government research firm, and have a strong background in social science research, organizing, and community economic development. But as a new mother, who wants to spend time with my daughter beyond my maternity leave, I find I have hit a professional glass ceiling. I want a weekday at home, and have offered to work flexible hours or at home one day a week. Instead, I've been forced to take a pay cut, begun job hunting, and had promising job offers withdrawn.

In response, I'm organizing a lunch group of working mothers at my workplace; I hope it can be a springboard to political change at our company. But I doubt meaningful change will come until working fathers also choose to spend additional time with their children.

Meantime, I would like to see Planners Network tackle this issue among its members. Let's debate it, share ideas, and come up with a tenable, forward-thinking, organizational position.

☐ **HOMELESSNESS HEARINGS:** The House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development (Rayburn House Office Bldg. #B-303, Wash., DC 20515, 202/225-7054) has copies of an April 23 hearing on "Homelessness in America," whose witnesses include HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros and Carol Fennelly of the Community for Creative Non-Violence, among others.

☐ **HUNGER WEEK:** The National Coalition for the Homeless

Planners Network Conference

May 20-22, 1994

National 4-H Center, Washington, DC

"Urban Conflicts:
Public and Private Responsibilities"

(Working Title)

Network with progressive planners.

Strengthen Planners Network.

Increase the progressive presence in planning.

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(1612 K St. N.W. #1004, Wash., DC 20006, 202/775-1322), together with other organizations, has set November 14-20 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. On-campus details: Jennifer Coken, National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, 617/292-4823.

☐ NETWORKER UPDATE: From John Metzger (Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia Univ. 400 Avery Hall, New York, NY 10027, 212/854-6280): I am a doctoral candidate in urban planning, writing a dissertation titled, "Capital for Communities: Financial Institutions and Inner-City Neighborhood Development." I'm also a member of the adjunct faculty of the City Univ. of New York, and a consulting associate with the Economic Development Assistance Consortium. My interests are community reinvestment, public housing, housing policy, community economic development, and real estate analysis.

☐ HOUSING AID/RURAL: The Housing Assistance Council (1025 Vermont Ave. N.W. #606, Wash., DC 20005, 202/842-8600) has available *A Guide to Housing and Community Development Programs for Small Towns and Rural Areas*. Copies are \$7.

☐ ANALYZING JOB LOSS/CHICAGO: The Trade Research Consortium (Box 80066, Minneapolis, MN 55408, 612/379-5980) has issued a 13-page report, *Transnational Investment and Job Loss in Chicago: Impacts on Women, African Americans, and Latinos*, by David Ramsey and William Cecil. No price listed.

☐ HOUSING/TAX RELIEF: The National Conference of State Legislatures (1560 Broadway #700, Denver, CO 80202, 303/830-2200) has published a 21-page legislative finance paper (#81, February 1992), *State Property Tax Relief Programs for Homeowners and Renters*, by Scott Mackey. Copies are \$18.

Separately, housing/tax relief also is surveyed in *Property Tax Relief Programs that Benefit Low-Income Housing*, by Diana Meyer-Flanagan (Enterprise Foundation, 500 American City Bldg., Columbia, MD 21044, 410/964-1230) and Georgia Emory. Copies from Meyer-Flanagan, possibly free.

☐ HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION: The American Affordable Housing Institute (Rutgers Univ., Box 118, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 908/932-6812) has issued a 78-page report, *Preventing Recidivism Among Previously Homeless Families in New York City: Databases and Program Designs for Four Major Homelessness Prevention Efforts*, by David Schwartz and Donita Devance-Manzini. No price listed.

☐ BUDGET ADVOCACY/NYC: The Community Training and Resource Center (47 Ann St., New York, NY 10038, 212/964-7200) has issued a 23-page manual for low-income groups advocating city budget issues, *A Voice at City Hall: How NYC's Budget Works and What Your Community Can Do About It*. Copies are \$3.

☐ HOMELESSNESS/MIAMI: Metropolitan Miami (Dade County) is set to begin charging a 1% tax on restaurant meals, according to the August 3 *New York Times*, to finance area programs for the homeless. The action comes in response to a

federal court order mandating such programs.

☐ TAX REFORM/CONNECTICUT: The Winter 1993 *American Prospect* included an article, "Winning with Tax Reform: The Connecticut Story," by state Rep. Miles Rapoport, State Capitol, #MR-210, Hartford, CT 06106.

☐ HISPANIC AGENDA: The National Council of La Raza (810 First St. N.E. #300, Wash., DC 20002, 202/289-1380) has issued a 43-page report, *State of Hispanic America: Toward a Latino Antipoverty Agenda*, by Sonia Perez and Deidre Martinez. Copies are \$7.50.

☐ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Birny Birnbaum (Office of Public Insurance Counsel, 333 Guadalupe #3-120, Austin, TX 78701, 512/322-4143): For the past two years, I've helped start and energize the first state agency dedicated to representing consumers on insurance issues. We have developed expertise in many issues (redlining, discriminatory underwriting, ratemaking), and in various lines of insurance (health, homeowners, auto, small business, title, credit). I have heard lots of insurance stories, and would love to hear more.

☐ HOUSING/WRITING QUERY: For a forthcoming book on "Post-Suburban America," co-editors Daniel Schaffer and Dave Johnson (School of Planning, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996, 615/974-5227) are expanding an issue of the journal *Built Environment* with additional selected articles, including one on changes in the need for affordable housing in urban areas, especially as they can be related to suburbanization. What they need is a promising academic or non-academic who could do a good job on the topic. Contact: Dave Johnson.

☐ LOCAL GOVERNMENT/CONTRACTING: The National League of Cities (1301 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20004, 202/626-3000) has issued a 48-page guide for local officials, *Minority Business Programs and Disparity Studies: Responding to the Supreme Court's Mandate in Richmond v. Croson*. Copies are \$22.

☐ HOUSING DATA/CENSUS: An 82-page chartbook, *Housing Characteristics of Selected Races and Hispanic-Origin Households in the U.S.: 1987*, is available (likely free) from: Daniel Weinberg, Housing and Household Economics Statistical Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Wash., DC 20233. An update to 1991 is planned in the near future.

☐ JOBLESS GUIDE/NY: The New York Unemployed Committee (Box 102, Brooklyn, NY 11217, 718/670-7082) has produced a 32-page booklet on services and programs available to the jobless.

☐ CDBG RESOURCES/STUDIES: The Coalition for Low-Income Community Development (513 N. Chapel Gate Ln., Baltimore, MD 21229, 410/945-2835) has issued two publications on the community development block grant program: *CDBG Stories: An Organizing Manual* (70 pages; \$15 for CLICD Targeting Times subscribers, \$25 for others); and *National CDBG Resource Directory* (50 pages; \$10 for CLICD subscribers, \$20 for others).

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PN Conference Planning Focuses on May in Washington; Further Decisions in October

A 12-member working group of PN Steering Committee members and other Networkers has agreed on tentative broad outlines for a May 1994 Planners Network conference in Washington, DC, exploring a range of systemic problems and hopeful responses in North American cities.

The conference would be held Friday-Sunday, May 20-22, at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD, right outside Washington.

The working title is "Urban Conflicts: Public and Private Responsibilities." The topic is aimed at PN's constituencies of planning faculty, students, and practitioners, and related community-based organizations.

The format would include three plenaries, 16-20 panels, a PN business meeting, and pre- and post-conference field trips.

Possible keynoters could include Manning Marable, Norman Krumholz, Baldemar Velasquez, Johnnetta Cole, Roberta Achtenberg, Pablo Eisenberg, Jose Figueroa, Elaine Jones, Henry Cisneros, Mike Davis, Ruth Messinger, or Cornel West.

Additional conference planning input and participation from Networkers at-large are anticipated and welcomed, and can be included in a second planning session scheduled for Saturday, October 30 in Philadelphia.

These were among the main agreements of the ad-hoc working group, which was organized by Peter Marcuse, and met August 13-15 at Troy West's house in Green Hill, RI. The agreements were thought to be substantive enough to allow for initial conference arrangements and feasibility efforts, while still anticipating Networkers' further comments and suggestions.

The working group included three Steering Committee members beside Peter (Bill Goldsmith, Judy Kossy, and Tony Schuman) and seven Networkers

beside Troy (Tom Angotti, Prentice Bowsher, Marshall Feldman, Ann Forsyth, Karen Salvatore, Peg Seip, and Gwen Urey). Each had volunteered in response to the June PN questionnaire.

The group agreed on three principal purposes for the conference: To communicate, network and be in solidarity with progressive planners; to bring into PN new leadership and members, with a view to increasing the progressive presence in planning; and to strength the PN newsletter.

Most of the purposes would be achieved through the conference's scheduled sessions, though some unscheduled time also was left for personal networking. In addition, further networking opportunities can be anticipated over meals and in breaks.

The heart of the conference would be the panels, which would be scheduled to run in four time blocks, with four-five concurrent panels in each block.

PN Special Feature

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

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

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

Some panels would focus on selected cities; some on selected issues; and some on invited organizations.

City panels, for example, would identify major problems facing a specific city, describe the actions taken to address the problems, pose additional necessary steps, and clarify responsibilities. Working group members will try organizing city panels for Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Toronto, and Washington.

Issue panels would take a cross-city approach, either for an issue best approached on such a basis, or for an important issue lacking adequate coverage among the various city panels. Working group members will try organizing issue panels on economic conversion, AIDS, transportation, privatization, NAFTA, community-based planning, health care, disaster relief, and suburban exclusion.

Invitational panels would permit organizations reflecting constituencies PN wants to attract as new members to discuss issues the organizations see as critical. The working group volunteered to make initial contacts with such groups as the NAACP, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund, the National Congress of Neighborhood Women, the National Council of La Raza, and selected groups representing Asian Americans.

It's also possible for Networkers at-large to organize other panels on additional topics, in consultation with the conference committee.

A pre-conference trip is planned to selected community-based organizations in the Washington area. A post-conference trip is planned to Washington's new U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

A PN business meeting, with Steering Committee elections and selection of a new PN Chair, is scheduled for the close of the conference.

The second conference planning session October 30 in Philadelphia is timed to overlap a Philadelphia conference by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, which many PNers have indicated they will be attending.

At the session, we will review the working group's tentative agreements and their panel-organizing efforts, make decisions on some further conference details, and appoint a formal conference committee.

The PN session is being organized by Bill Goldsmith (607/255-2333, fax 607/-255-6681) and Bob Beauregard (412/648-7634, fax 412/648-2605), and is set for 7:30 p.m. at or near the ACSF conference hotel, the Wyndham Franklin Plaza

Hotel, 2 Franklin Plaza, on the edge of Center City.

Please let Bill or Bob know if you plan to attend. We will provide light food and refreshments, for a small voluntary donation.

This report was prepared by Prentice Bowsher, newsletter editor, from notes by Peter Marcuse. Peter teaches housing and urban planning at Columbia Univ. (New York, NY 10027).

Passing the Word

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□ CITY-OWNED HOUSING/NYC: The Consumer-Farmer Foundation (121 Sixth Ave. #501, New York, NY 10013, 212/431-9700) has available a 96-page report from the Task Force on City-Owned Property, *Housing in the Balance: Seeking a Comprehensive Policy for City-Owned Housing*. City-owned housing, taken from landlords who fail to pay their taxes, is a source of low-income housing in New York. No price listed.

□ TAX CRITIQUE/U.S.: The Institute for Policy Studies (1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20009, 202/234-9382) has available a 147-page critique, *Who Pays? Who Profits? The Truth About the American Tax System*, by Ralph Estes of American Univ. Copies are \$8.95.

□ INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES: *NIMBY Report* is a new monthly publication (likely free) from the American Friends Service Committee (1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102, 215/241-7000) on issues and resources aimed at fostering inclusive communities. It's edited by Kale Williams, 305 S. Green St., Chicago, IL 60607, 312/258-8010.

□ RACE/SOCIAL JUSTICE: The Spring/Summer 1993 *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict & World Order* (Box 40601, San Francisco, CA 94140) is a 193-page, special double issue on "Rethinking Race." Single copies are \$15; individual subscriptions (four times a year) are \$30.

□ HOUSING EVICTIONS/COMPARATIVE: An international perspective on housing evictions comes in two publications from the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (Havikstraat 38 bis, 3514 TR Utrecht, Netherlands, 31-30 73 19 76): *Forced Evictions and Human Rights: A Manual for Action* (58 pages), and *Forced Evictions: Violations of Human Rights* (12 pages).

□ SEPARATE SOCIETIES: *Poverty and Inequality in U.S. Cities*, by PNER Bill Goldsmith and Ed Blakely, links global economic change, metropolitan restructuring, and collapsed urban labor markets to show how racism and federal neglect generate urban poverty, and how urban politics might provoke change. Copies are \$19.95 (paper), from: Temple Univ. Press, Broad and Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122, 800/447-1656.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Clay Campbell (1516 3rd

N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505/243-2370): I am Project Coordinator for a collaborative between an economically diverse middle school and six working-class neighborhood associations. The purposes of the collaborative are to provide at-risk sixth-to-eighth graders with a variety of after-school activities, and to strengthen neighborhood association involvement/participation in schools.

Are there similar projects in other cities? I would appreciate information on project content, group processes, proactive measures, external relations with other community entities, etc.

□ FNMA MAXWELL AWARDS: October 1 is the deadline for applications for the next round of Maxwell Awards from the Fannie Mae Foundation (3900 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20016) for outstanding work by nonprofit housing organizations. Some \$250,000 will be distributed among 40 selected projects. Contact: Harriet Ivey, 202/752-6500.

□ HOUSING DATA SOURCE: HUD User's (Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/245-2691) *Directory of Information Resources in Housing and Urban Development* is now available in a third edition, with listings on 145 public agencies, research institutions, trade and professional associations, advocacy groups, and clearinghouses. Also included are listings for 44 on-line databases. Copies are \$26.

□ NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMY/MINNEAPOLIS: Crossroads Resource Center (Box 7423, Minneapolis, MN 55407, 612/827-3929) has issued a 44-page analysis, *The Phillips Neighborhood (Minneapolis) Income Statement and Balance Sheet*, by Ken Meter, which offers an overview of the economy/financial condition of a selected neighborhood as a starting point for long-term planning. Copies are \$12; a 10-page summary is \$2.

□ WOMEN/ORGANIZING: The Education Center for Community Organizing (Hunter College School of Social Work, 129 E. 79th St., New York, NY 10021, 212/452-7112) has issued a number of resources on woman and organizing: *Women Organizers: A Beginning Collection of References and Resources* (30+ pages, \$5); *Women on the Advance: Highlights of a National Conference on Women and Organizing* (40 pages, \$5); and *Women, Organizing and Diversity* (25-minute video, \$35).

□ HOBOKEN DOCUMENTARY: *Delivered Vacant* is a 118-minute documentary by Nora Jacobson on the wave of specula-

tive development which swept over Hoboken, NJ, in the 1980s, and transformed whole sections from long-term, low-income enclaves to trendy, up-scale bedroom communities. Contact: The Cinema Guild, 1697 Broadway, New York, NY 10019, 800/723-5522.

□ **COMMUNITY DESIGN CENTERS:** The Association for Community Design Centers, whose members provide planning and design assistance for community groups, has issued a report on its 1993 conference. Details: Rex Curry, Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development, 379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205, 718/636-3486.

□ **IMMIGRATION RIGHTS:** The National Network for Immigration and Refugee Rights (310 8th St. #307, Oakland, CA 94607, 510/465-1984) publishes a bimonthly newsletter, *Network News* (\$10-\$20 for individuals), and also maintains the Immigration Rights Urgent Response Network to counter rights abuses.

□ **NETWORKER UPDATE:** From Bob Collin (290 E. 36th, Eugene, OR 97405, 503/346-3822): I am on leave of absence from the Univ. of Virginia, as a Visiting Associate Professor in the Univ. of Oregon Planning Department. Together with my spouse, Prof. Robin Morris Collin, I'm beginning research into a book on equity and sustainability. We'd be happy to hear of any and all case studies about sustainable development in communities of color in the U.S.

□ **WELFARE REFORM:** The Clinton Administration has established an Interagency Working Group on Welfare Reform, Family Support, and Independence (370 L'Enfant Promenade S.W. #600, Wash., DC 20047) to be in charge of developing welfare reform legislative proposals. It already has held public forums in Chicago, Washington, California, and New Jersey. Tennessee is scheduled for October 28. It is open to further thoughts and suggestions, and has available some initial materials.

□ **NETWORKING/AFRICA:** Settlements Information Network Africa (SINA, c/o Mazingira Institute (headed by P'ner Diana Lee-Smith), Box 14550, Nairobi, Kenya, fax 254 2/74 0524) has completed a decade of networking among people working on self-help settlements projects in Africa, and has achieved a worldwide membership of more than 900 members, including more than 760 in 37 African countries.

□ **U.S. URBAN PROFILE:** The July 1993 *Governing* magazine features a special statistical profile on America's 100 largest cities, "Local Yearbook 1993: Highs and Lows of Urban America," indicating the top and bottom 10 cities for a range of variables, such as suburbanization, murder rates, etc. We'll send you a copy with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

□ **DESEGREGATING SCHOOLS/CONNECTICUT:** The Connecticut state legislature has passed a bill, according to the June 6 *New York Times*, requiring each of the state's communities to discuss desegregation of public schools across town lines. The bill gives towns and cities a year to draft plans for improving public schools by reducing barriers to opportunity and enhancing student diversity. It would provide financial

incentives for cooperation, but no penalties for not implementing a plan.

□ **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:** The Brookings Institution (1775 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20036, 202/797-6105) has published *The Rebirth of Democracy*, by Jeffrey Berry and others, a 326-page study of community participation in such cities as Dayton, OH, San Antonio, TX, Birmingham, AL, and others. Copies are \$16.95.

□ **NETWORKER UPDATE:** From Billie Bramhall (2324 Eudora St., Denver, CO 80207, 303/329-6964): I'm consulting privately again, after having headed Community Development and Neighborhood Planning for the City of Denver, and one project is a HOPE-3 planning grant for the state Department of Institutions and the state Housing Assistance Corp. to help 50 developmentally disabled and chronically mentally ill persons into homeownership. I'm also doing a feasibility study on fast-train service to Denver's new airport. But my interest continues in neighborhood empowerment and high-quality housing for two-income people, in which they have management and ownership roles.

□ **MOBILIZING THE COMMUNITY:** *Local Politics in the Era of the Global City*, edited by P'ner Robert Fisher and Joseph Kling, includes case studies of Tucson, El Paso, San Francisco, Oakland, and Massachusetts. Copies are \$21.95, from: Sage Publishers, 2455 Teller Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91320, 805/499-9774.

□ **ADVOCACY GUIDE:** *The Activist's Almanac: The Concerned Citizen's Guide to the Leading Advocacy Organizations in America*, by David Walls (Box 111, Sebastopol, CA 95473), is a 431-page directory of 105 organizations: their origins, purposes, and operating strategies. Copies are \$18; Simon & Schuster is the publisher. The Almanac is an ongoing project; Walls encourages feedback and suggestions.

□ **NETWORKING/INTERNATIONAL:** The Habitat International Coalition (Cordobanes #24, Col. San Jose Insurgentes, Mexico 03900 DF, 5/651-6807, fax 5/593-5194) publishes a three-times-yearly newsletter, *HIC News*, with updates on settlements issues around the world, including projects, conferences, advocacy campaigns, and case studies.

□ **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** Funders of environmental work and community economic development practitioners have undertaken a collaborative project to develop a new definition for a sustainable community, which would address issues of race, family security, and the processes by which communities are planned and developed. The project envisions a June 2-4 conference in Oakland. Details: Catherine Lerza, 2000 P St. N.W. #408, Wash., DC 20036, 202/833-4667.

□ **WHISTLEBLOWERS' NEWSLETTER:** *Bridging the GAP* is a newsletter from the Government Accountability Project (810 First St. N.E. #630, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-0034), which provides legal and advocacy assistance to workplace and community whistleblowers.

□ **TOXIC STRUGGLES:** *The Theory and Practice of Environ-*

mental Justice, edited by Richard Hofrichter, is a 272-page book, which documents the fast-growing environmental movement led by people of color, women, and low-income working-class people. Copies are \$16.95, from: New Society Publishers, 4527 Springfield Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143, 215/382-6543.

□ SOCIAL CHANGE RESOURCE: The Data Center (464 19th St., Oakland, CA 94612, 510/835-4692) operates a public access library for the social change community, with both vertical files and computerized resources on such topics as right-wing movements, the Third World, and corporations.

□ POVERTY/CHILDREN: The National Center for Children in Poverty (154 Haven Ave., New York, NY 10032, 212/927-8793) has issued an eight-page report, *Five Million Children: 1993 Update*, which updates a 1990 study.

□ DIVERSITY & GOVERNANCE: *Changing Populations and the Future of Cities and Towns* is a 24-page report from a National League of Cities (1301 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20004, 202/626-3000) advisory council, chaired by Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger. No price listed; contact: William Barnes.

□ URBAN POLICY/RESEARCH: The Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research (Northwestern Univ., 2040 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60208) has a catalogue of working papers on such topics as "Poverty, Race, and Inequality," "Labor Markets and Unemployment," and others.

□ FNMA COLLOQUIA/SPRING 1994: October 8 is the deadline for grant applications for the Spring 1994 Fannie Mae University Colloquium Series on international housing policy or finance, which will provide \$15,000 grants each to three selected four-year colleges/universities. Contact: FNMA Office of Housing Research, 3900 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20016, 202/752-3263.

□ CITIES/FAMILIES: The National League of Cities (1301 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20004, 202/626-3000) has a free catalogue, *Children and Families in Cities: Services and Resources for Local Government Officials*. It also has a 24-page advisory council report, *Families and Communities*. No price listed. Contact: William Barnes.

□ JOBS/POLICY: *Jobs and the Economy: A Primer on Principled Economic Development for Progressive Elected Officials and Activists* is a 96-page state policy guide, which critiques conservative economic policy, proposes alternative progressive solutions, suggests campaign platforms for candidates, and provides case studies of successful programs. Copies are \$10, from: Progressive Policy Institute, 186 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA 02139, 617/547-4474.

□ LATINO POVERTY: The Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy (Univ. of Massachusetts, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125) has issued two reports, *Understanding Latino Poverty* (39 pages), and *Competing Explanations of Latino Poverty: Immigration, the Underclass, and Labor Market Disadvantages* (five pages),

both by Institute Director Edwin Melendez.

□ HUMAN RIGHTS/U.S.: Under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, passed by the U.S. Senate in 1992, the U.S. for the first time must submit a report on violations of human rights in the U.S. to the UN Human Rights Committee. Details: Ann Fagan Ginger, Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute, Box 673-A, Berkeley, CA 94701, 510/848-0599. Also available from the Institute: *Human Rights Organizations and Periodicals Directory, 1993* (\$41.95 for individuals).

□ WORKING FAMILIES: The Labor Project for Working Families (c/o San Francisco Labor Council, 510 Harrison St., San Francisco, CA 94105, 415/543-2699) publishes a newsletter, *Labor News for Working Families*.

□ NAFTA CRITIQUE: The Economic Policy Institute (1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. #200, Wash., DC 20036, 202/775-8810) has issued a 16-page briefing paper, *The Failed Case for NAFTA: The 10 Most Common Claims for the North American Free Trade Agreement and Why They Don't Make Sense*, by Jeff Faux. No price listed.

□ RAINBOW RESEARCH (321 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408, 612/824-0724) has available a publications catalogue, with resources on neighborhood revitalization, community economic development, and other topics.

□ HUNGER POLICY: The Spring 1993 *Why Magazine* (World Hunger Year, 505 Eighth Ave. 21st Fl., New York, NY 10018, 212/629-8850) focuses on "Putting People First? Challenging the New Administration." Subscriptions are \$18 a year.

□ PEDESTRIAN DEATHS/RACE & INCOME: Chris Leman of the Institute for Transportation and the Environment (85 E. Roanoke St., Seattle, WA 98102, 206/322-5463) is interested in locating researchers or activists on the disproportionate number of pedestrian deaths among people of color or with low incomes.

□ FOOD/TRADE: The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (1313 5th St. S.E. #303, Minneapolis, MN 55414, 612/379-5980) has a list of educational materials on food and agricultural policy. It also produces a daily news bulletin service.

□ PLANNING RESEARCH: The Institute of Governmental Studies Library (Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, 510/642-1472) has developed a new in-house database for its collection of California general planning documents, issued by all California cities and counties. The database handles 520 different issuing planning agencies, and contains more than 1,600 local document records.

□ NETWORKERS UPDATE: From Frank J. and Deborah E. Popper (Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903): Anne Matthews' book, *Where the Buffalo Roam*, based on work we've done on the land-use future of the Great Plains, has been issued in paperback by Grove Press/Atlantic Monthly (\$10). In

hardcover, it was one of four nominees for the 1993 Pulitzer Prize in general nonfiction.

Separately, the September 5 *Washington Post* carried a short piece we wrote, "Yo, Pioneers! Guess What? The Western Frontier Is Coming Back Strong," in which we suggest America's fabled "frontier" is alive, well, and growing, with extractive uses likely to contract, and preservation uses and wasteland likely to expand.

□ **CRA ROUNDUP:** The Center for Community Change (1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20007, 202/342-0567) publishes a community reinvestment quarterly, *The CRA Reporter*. It's free to community-based nonprofits; \$30 a year for others.

A consortium of federal regulators has held a series of hearings around the country on the Community Reinvestment Act. Details: National Community Reinvestment Coalition, 1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #1010, Wash., DC 20009, 202/986-7898.

The Senate Housing Subcommittee has published a two-volume examination of CRA enforcement, *Report on the Status of Community Reinvestment Act, Views and Recommendations*. Copies are \$16 a volume, from: Supt. of Documents, Wash., DC 20402, 202/783-3238.

Vol. XX, No. 2 of the *Fordham Law Journal* includes a 115-page article, "A Guide To Enforcing the Community Reinvestment Act," by Richard Marsico of New York Law School, 57 Worth St., New York, NY 10013, 212/431-2312.

□ **BANNERMAN FELLOWSHIPS:** The Bannerman Fellowship Program (1627 Lancaster St., Baltimore, MD 21231, 410/327-6220) has set December 1 as the deadline for submitting applications for the next round of Charles Bannerman Memorial Fellowships, which provide stipends of \$15,000 for sabbaticals of three months or more for outstanding activists of color.

□ **WIC WORKS:** *Let's Make It Work for Everybody* is available from the Food Research and Action Center, 1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #540, Wash., DC 20009, 202/986-2200. Copies are \$4.

□ **MINORITY ORGANIZATIONS:** Garrett Park Press (Box 190, Garrett Park, MD 20895, 301/946-2553) publishes a directory, *Minority Organizations*, with listings for some 8,700 national, regional, and local groups; and also can provide the listings on mailing labels (\$490 for a one-time rental).

□ **HEALTH CARE/ACTIONS:** Families USA (202/628-4061) will sponsor "Health Reform Party Day" October 21, as a national grassroots effort to press Congress and the Clinton Administration for true reform of the health care system. It has organizing kits and details.

□ **INDUSTRIAL BASE/U.S.:** The June 1993 *Georgetown Law Journal* includes a 139-page article, "Standing Rusty and Rolling Empty: Law, Poverty, and America's Eroding Industrial Base," by Fran Ansley of the Univ. of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN 37996, 615/974-4241.

□ **LEAD-FREE ROUNDUP:** Rep. Ben Cardin (D-MD) has

introduced legislation, the Lead-Based Hazard Abatement Fund Act. Details: Karen Florini, Environmental Defense Fund, 1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #1016, Wash., DC 20009, 202/387-3500.

The Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition (c/o Alliance To End Childhood Lead Poisoning, 227 Massachusetts Ave. N.E. #200, Wash., DC 20002, 202/543-1147) works on a range of legislative, budget, technical and policy issues. Available from the Alliance: a 47-page guide, *A Framework for Action To Make Private Housing Lead-Safe*.

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

□ **HOMELESSNESS GUIDE:** PNER Marry Ellen Hombs of the Legal Services Homelessness Task Force (National Housing Law Project, 122 C St. N.W. #680, Wash., DC 20001, 202/783-5140) is collecting course outlines, reading lists, and syllabi from law, social work, public health, and graduate social science courses on homelessness. Contributors will get a copy of the resulting compendium.

□ **INSURANCE REDLINING:** The House Banking Subcommittee on Consumer Credit and Insurance has approved the Kennedy/Gonzalez Insurance Consumer Act (HR 1257), which has been modeled after the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, and would provide information on insurance redlining in low-income and minority communities. Details: Matthew Behrent/-Deepak Bhargava of ACORN, 202/547-2500; or Allen Fishbein/Debbie Goldberg of the Center for Community Change, 202/342-0567.

□ **HOMELESSNESS/CHILDREN:** HomeBase/The Center for Common Concerns (870 Market St. #1228, San Francisco, CA 94102, 415/788-7961) has issued two reports, *Reaching and Teaching Children without Housing* (103 pages, \$20), and *Until I Go Home: Child Care for Homeless Families* (152 pages, \$30).

Upcoming Conferences

□ **ROOMING HOUSES/SROs:** The Habitat International Coalition/North American Region is sponsoring a Canada/U.S. forum October 21-23 in Toronto on organizing and community development in rooming houses and single-room-occupancy housing. Details: Rupert Community Residential Services of Toronto Inc., 2 Carlton St. #1001, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1J3, Canada, 416/351-0095.

□ **GRANTMAKERS:** The National Network of Grantmakers will hold its 14th annual conference, "Beyond a Hierarchy of Oppressions: Racism and Its Equivalents," September 30-October 3 in Washington, DC. Details: Kube Sherron Jones, Public Welfare Foundation, 2600 Virginia Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20037, 202/965-1800.

□ **WOMEN/PLANNING:** The New York Metropolitan

Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Hunter College Dept. of Urban Affairs and Planning will hold a conference, "Women Planning for Change," October 2 in New York on childcare, employment, health, and other issues. Details: Irene Fanos, 22 Reade St. #4-N, New York, NY 10007, 212/720-3444.

□ **LIVABLE CITIES:** The 15th International Making Cities Livable Conference will be held February 22-26, 1994, in San Francisco, and will include a cities-of-vision exhibit, on such categories as military/industrial conversion, new urban neighborhoods, mixed-use waterfront projects, urban place designs, and managing the car through design. Contact: Suzanne H. Crowhurst Leonard, IMCL Conference Organizer, Box 7586, Carmel, CA 93921, fax 408/624-5126.

□ **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #524, Wash., DC 20009, 202/234-5009) will hold its annual conference October 20-22 in San Francisco. The topic: "Reinventing the American Dream."

□ **WOMEN/HOUSING:** The McAuley Institute (8300 Colesville Rd. #310, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/588-8110) will hold a women and housing conference, "Building Housing -- Strengthening Communities," October 29-31 in New Orleans.

□ **AT-RISK HOUSING:** The National Housing Law Project (2201 Broadway #815, Oakland, CA 94612, 510/251-9400) will sponsor November 5-6 in Chicago "The Midwest Conference on HUD Multifamily Housing Preservation." Details: Dan Pearlman.

Jobs

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

□ **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:** ACORN (845 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226) is seeking a Development Director, to be located in either its Washington, DC, or Brooklyn office. Contact: Steven Kest.

□ **WAYNE STATE FACULTY:** Wayne State Univ.'s College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs (Detroit, MI 48202) is seeking an associate or full professor as Urban Research Professor, assumable in September 1994. Candidates should be experienced in urban public policy and policy analysis, and have a continuing interest in one or more substantive areas. Details: Elaine Driker, 313/577-5071.

□ **PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** The National Low Income Housing Coalition/Low-Income Housing Information Service (1012 14th St. N.W. #1200, Wash., DC 20005, 202/662-1530) is seeking a President/Executive Secretary. Salary is \$65,000-\$75,000. Contact: Frances Williams.

□ **HOUSING MANAGER:** The City of Trenton (NJ) is seeking a Project Manager (Affordable Housing). Salary is in the mid-\$40s. Contact: PNeer Alan Mallach, Director, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, City Hall, Trenton, NJ 08608.

□ **RESOURCE DEVELOPER:** The Housing Development Institute of the New York Archdiocese (1011 First Ave. #1285, New York, NY 10022) is seeking a Resource Developer to coordinate fundraising. Contact: Fr. Don Sakano.

□ **PROJECT MANAGER:** The Santa Cruz Community Housing Corp. (Box 632, Santa Cruz, CA 95061, 408/423-1318) is seeking a Project Manager to develop low-income housing. Salary is in the \$37,000 area.

□ **CREDIT UNION MANAGER:** The Central Brooklyn Federal Credit Union (1360 Fulton St. #513, Brooklyn, NY 11216) is seeking a Manager. Contact: G. Balkcom.

□ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** The Community Training and Assistance Center (30 Winter St., Boston, MA 02108, 617/423-1444) has an opening for a Director of Community Development. Salary is \$50,000-\$60,000.

□ **UCLA FACULTY:** The Urban Planning Program in the UCLA Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning (Los Angeles, CA 90024) is seeking candidates, preferably at the assistant professor level, for a tenure-track position in Urban Transportation Planning, beginning with the 1994-95 academic year. Details: Marsha Brown, fax 310/206-5566.

□ **TRAINER/ORGANIZER:** The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080) is seeking a Trainer/Organizer for its national campaign promoting the Earned Income Tax Credit. Contact: Scott Barancik.

□ **HOUSING SERVICES:** The Union Neighborhood Assistance Corp. (321 Columbus Ave., Boston, MA 02116, 617/-267-1144) has an opening for a Housing Services Community Organizer. Salary is in the mid- to high-\$20s. Contact: Bruce Marks.

□ **PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** The Local Initiatives Support Corp. (733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017, 212/455-9800) is seeking a Program Director for its community building initiative of financial and technical assistance to community-based development corporations. Contact: Carol Glazer.

Etcetera

□ **NOVEMBER PN DEADLINE:** The arrival deadline for copy for the next *Planners Network* is Monday, November 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.

Arrival deadline for PN #102 copy: Monday, November 1.

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

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

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

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

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

The Planners Network

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

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

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

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

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

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