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**NEW YORK'S GREEN AND JUST FUTURE**  
A public discussion among the authors of Mayor Bloomberg's *PlaNYC* and a panel of Urban Design Experts

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## 10:30am \ Welcome

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Executive Director, Institute for Urban Design  
**Fredric Bell**  
Executive Director, American Institute of Architects NY Chapter  
**Rohit Aggarwala**  
Director, NYC Office of Long Term Planning & Sustainability

## 11am - 1pm \ PlaNYC Presentation

Opening remarks:  
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Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
Moderator:  
**Alexandros Washburn**  
Director of Urban Design, NYC Department of City Planning  
**Sandy Hornick**  
Deputy Executive Director for Strategic Planning, NYC Department of Planning  
**Thomas Maguire**  
Director of Congestion Pricing, NYC Department of Transportation  
**Charles McKinney**  
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**James Roberts**  
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New York 2030 focus on Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC, an ambitious project to turn New York into the world's most sustainable metropolis. Anticipating that the city will be home to one million more inhabitants by the year 2030, PlaNYC includes strategies that improve housing, open space, transportation, energy, and air and water quality. Will the plan really "help to ensure a higher quality of life for generations of New Yorkers to come" and "contribute to a 30% reduction in global warming emissions," as it promises? How will the plan change the course of development in the city, and the way the government operates? Today, the authors of the plan and a panel of experts discuss the plan in detail, and how it will affect professionals and citizens alike.

The event is organized by the Institute for Urban Design, a nonprofit founded in 1979 to provide a setting for architects, planners, and landscape architects to exchange views with policymakers, journalists, and developers. The symposium is divided into two parts: The morning session features presentations from representatives and specialists of the administration, while the afternoon is open for discussions with policymakers and urban design experts. With this event the Institute for Urban Design wants to take up the challenge launched by the City for the future of our metropolis. Public attention so far has focused mainly on a few elements of PlaNYC such as the idea of congestion pricing. Our mission is to provide a forum for a thorough discussion of the plan, offer the public a better understanding of its scale and aspirations, and contribute to the democratic process of dialogue between the City government and civil society.

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**Tom Angotti** is Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning at Hunter College, City University of New York and Director of the Hunter College Center for Community Planning and Development. From 1995 to 2001 he was Professor and Chair of the Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment at Pratt Institute. Angotti also taught at Columbia University, Harvard University, and the University of California at Berkeley. He was previously a planner at the New York City Department of City Planning and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Angotti is the Land Use columnist for [www.gothamgazette.com](http://www.gothamgazette.com), an editor at *Progressive Planning Magazine and Planning, Practice and Research*, and the author of two books, *Metropolis 2000: Planning, Poverty and Politics* and *Housing in Italy*. His latest work, *Community Planning in "The Real Estate Capital of the World"*, will be published in 2008 by MIT Press.

**Fredric Bell** is Executive Director of the American Institute of Architects, New York Chapter and the Center for Architecture at 536 LaGuardia Place. A graduate of Yale College and Columbia University. He has been the recipient of numerous honors and design awards, including the 2007 James William Kidney Gold Medal from the AIA New York State. Prior to working with the AIA, Bell served as Assistant Commissioner for Architecture & Engineering at New York City Department of Design and Construction. As part of his community outreach and advocacy efforts on behalf of the AIA New York Chapter, Bell has been a founder and spokesperson for New York New Visions, a member of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation's Development Advisory Council.

**Adrian Benepe** is Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. A graduate of Middlebury College and Columbia University, Benepe joined the Department of Parks & Recreation in 1973 and held various positions ranging from Director of Natural Resources & Horticulture to Director of Art & Antiquities. During this latter assignment, Benepe helped found the Historic House Trust, a not-for-profit organization created to preserve and promote the historic house museums located in New York City parks. From 1990 to 1993, Benepe was Director of the Annual Fund & Major Gifts for the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. From 1993 to 1995, he served as Vice President for Issues & Public Affairs for the Municipal Art Society. In 1996, Benepe returned to the Department of Parks & Recreation as Manhattan Borough Commissioner and was named Commissioner in 2002.

**Adolfo Carrión** is the Bronx Borough President since 2001. Born in Lower Manhattan, Carrión was raised in the Baychester section of the Northeast Bronx and graduated from Kings College. He served as an associate pastor at a Bronx church and later as a public school teacher in the west Bronx. After earning a Master's in Urban Planning from Hunter College at the City University of New York, Carrión joined the New York City Department of City Planning. In 1997, he was elected to the City Council to represent the Bronx's 14th District. Carrión sat on the Economic Development, Education, Higher Education, Environmental Protection, Governmental Operations and Land Use committees and served as chairman of a special subcommittee on the 2000 Census. Carrión was recently elected President of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials.

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**Sandy Hornick** has worked as a planner for the New York City Department of City Planning for more than 30 years, including six years as Zoning Director. For the last 16 years, he has served as Deputy Executive Director for Strategic Planning. Hornick played key roles in preparing strategic policy plans in the Dinkins and Giuliani administrations, and was one of the initiators of PlaNYC. Hornick holds a Bachelor's in Political Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, a Master's in City and Regional Planning from Pratt Institute, and a Certificate in Real Estate Appraisal from New York University. He is the author of numerous articles on planning issues and the recipient of several awards, including the 2004 Robert Ponte Award from the Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association for contributing to the economic vitality of the New York area.

**Ernie Hutton** is a planner and urban designer. Trained at Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania, he is the principal of Hutton Associates Inc. His projects have received a national American Planning Association award and an Outstanding Achievement Award of the International Downtown Association. Hutton is Assistant Vice President for Outreach on the 2007-08 AIA New York Chapter board and co-chair of its Planning & Urban Design Committee. He is also co-chair of New York New Visions, the coalition of design and planning organizations focused on the rebuilding of lower Manhattan as well as on city-wide PlaNYC efforts.

**Olympia Kazi** is Executive Director of the Institute for Urban Design in New York. Trained as an architect at the University of Florence, Italy, she has served as junior curator at the Triennale di Milano in 2003-04 and, since 2005, works in New York City as an architecture critic and curator. A Fellow of Architecture and Urban Studies at the Whitney Museum of American Art in 2006-07, Kazi is member of The Architecture League Exhibitions Committee and a frequent contributor to *The Architect's Newspaper* in New York.

**Thomas Maguire** is Director of the New York City Department of Transportation's Congestion Pricing Unit, and led the development of the City's long-term transportation strategy outlined in PlaNYC. Prior to joining the Department of Transportation in 2006, Maguire worked at the engineering and design firm Arup, at the Regional Plan Association, and at the Bay Area Rapid Transit District. Maguire holds a Bachelor's from Rutgers and a Master's in City Planning from the University of California at Berkeley.

**Charles McKinney** is Chief of Design of Capital Projects for the City of New York, and is responsible for providing design direction for landscape and architecture projects throughout New York City. From 1984 to 2001 McKinney, who holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Arkansas and a Master's in Planning from the Graduate Program in Urban Design at New York City College, was Administrator of Riverside Park. In 1994, he was awarded a Loeb Fellowship at Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

**James Roberts** is Deputy Commissioner at the New York City Department of Water and Sewer Operations. A graduate of Manhattan College's School of Engineering, Roberts is a registered licensed professional engineer in New York State. He has worked with the City since 1986 in various capacities related to construction, operations, maintenance and repairs of New York City infrastructure. As Deputy Commissioner, Roberts is the Engineer in overall charge of planning, operations and maintenance of the in-city water supply and collections systems.

**Richard Sennett** is Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics and Bemis Professor of Social Sciences at MIT. Recipient of the Amalfi and the Ebert prizes for sociology, Sennett is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Royal Society of Literature, the Royal Society of the Arts, and the Accademia Europea. He is past president of the American Council on Work and the former Director of the New York Institute for the Humanities. The author of numerous books, his most recent publications include *Respect in an Age of Inequality* and *The Culture of the New Capitalism*.

**Ronald Shiffman** is the former director of the Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development, which he co-founded in 1964, and Professor at the Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment at the Pratt Institute. A city planner with nearly four decades of experience, Shiffman has served as a consultant to the US Department of Housing and Development, the United States Agency for International Development, and the Ford Foundation on national and global community-based planning, design and development initiatives. He has also served on a number of gubernatorial and mayoral task forces. Mayor Dinkins appointed him to the New York City Planning Commission, where he served as Commissioner from 1990 to 1996. Shiffman has written extensively on urban planning, social justice and community economic development, and has been the recipient of numerous awards from community based organizations and national advocacy groups.

**Michael Sorkin** is Director of the Graduate Urban Design Program at the City College of New York. Sorkin is the President of the board of the Institute for Urban Design and of the urban research non-profit, Terreform. He is also the principal of the award-winning office Michael Sorkin Studio, whose projects include masterplans for Hamburg and Schwerin, Germany and for a Palestinian capital in East Jerusalem. The author of numerous articles in a wide range of both professional and general publications, Sorkin was for ten years the architecture critic of *The Village Voice* and is currently a contributing editor at *Architectural Record*. He has published numerous books, including *Variations on A Theme Park, Some Assembly Required, After The World Trade Center* (edited with Sharon Zukin), *Starting From Zero, Wiggle, Against the Wall*, and *Indefensible Space*.

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**Paul Steely White** is the Executive Director of Transportation Alternatives. "TransAlt" was founded in 1973 and is one of NYC's leading voices for green streets. Prior to joining TransAlt in early 2004. From 1997 - 2004 Paul was the projects director for the NYC based Institute for Transportation and Development Policy. Paul has a Masters in Environmental Science from the University of Montana.

**Elizabeth Yeampierre** is Executive Director of UPROSE, Brooklyn's oldest Latino community based organization. Yeampierre is Chair of the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance. She serves on Mayor Bloomberg's Sustainability Advisory Board, the NYS Congestion Mitigation Commission, the NYC Energy Task Force and the US EPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council. She is a co-founder of CURE (Communities United for Responsible Energy) and OWN (Organization of Waterfront Neighborhoods). Yeampierre received her Bachelor's in Political Science from Fordham University and her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law. Yeampierre is the recipient of many awards, including the Earth Day 2007 Environmental Advocate of the Year Award, 2007 American Planning Association Paul Davidoff Award, 2007 Yolanda Garcia Community Planner Award, 2006 Inaugural NYC Environmental Leadership Award, 2006 Urban Agenda Visionary Award, 2004 National Latina Leadership Award, the 2003 Asian Americans for Equality's Dream of Equality Award, and the 2003 Comité Noviembre Hispanic Heritage Award.

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