New Cities Project Winter 2007 Meeting

Friday, January 26th, 2:00pm – 9:00pm / Saturday, January 27th, 8:30am – 1:00pm
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC

Day 1: Friday, January 26th

2:00 – 2:30  Registration and Welcome

2:30 – 4:15  Improving Urban Education
High quality schooling is vital to maintaining healthy, safe cities. Recently, mayoral involvement in schooling has increased – with some mayors going so far as to take over school districts. This panel will discuss several ways mayors can invest in their schooling to help close the achievement gap and meet No Child Left Behind requirements.

Speakers
- Robert Gordon, Senior Counsel to the Chancellor, New York City Department of Education
- David Cicilline, Mayor of Providence, RI
- Tom Bates, Mayor of Berkeley, CA

4:15 – 4:30  Break

4:30 – 6:15  Regional Growth Strategies
Cities succeed when they anchor attractive, sustainable, and well-governed regions. This panel will examine the strategies of anchor cities which have brokered different kinds of regional coordination between local governments on issues of economic development, workforce development, transit, and natural resource conservation.

Speakers
- David Thornburgh, President and CEO of the Alliance for Regional Stewardship
- Rita Athas, Director of Regional Program for Chicago, IL
- Valarie J. McCall, Chief of Government Affairs for Cleveland, OH

6:15 – 7:15  Reception

7:15 –  The Future of New Cities (group discussion)
Day 2: Saturday, January 27th

8:30 – 9:00  Breakfast

9:00 – 10:45  Inclusive Growth
All too often, redevelopment results in gentrification and the displacement of neighborhood residents. This panel will explore city strategies to bring new investment into distressed communities while ensuring that neighborhood residents share in the benefits.

Speakers
• Jesse Greenlee, Community Relations Officer, Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
• Greta Harris, Program Vice President for the Southeast Region of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation
• Alan Mallach, Research Director, National Housing Institute and the author of "Bringing Buildings Back"

10:45 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 12:45  Transit Oriented Development
Transit-oriented development (TOD) is widely discussed as a strategy to meet the rapidly increasing demand for dense, walkable, mixed-use communities, as well as for its promise in reducing transportation expenses for working families. This panel will include discussion of recent trends in TOD and the federal laws affecting transit and streetcar development, and a detailed discussion on how municipalities can better facilitate transit-oriented development.

Speakers
• Scott Bernstein, Director of the Center for Neighborhood Technology
• Kevin McCarty, Surface Transportation Policy Project
• Mariia Zimmerman, Senior Vice President for Policy, Reconnecting America
• Tom Downs, the Eno Transportation Foundation

1:00  Adjourn

*Invited