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Alan Mallach is a non-resident senior fellow at the Metropolitan Policy Program of The Brookings Institution in Washington DC and a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. A city planner, writer and consultant on housing, land use, and urban affairs, he has been engaged as practitioner, advocate and scholar in the fields of housing, planning and community development for nearly forty years. During that period, he has made significant contributions in many areas, including the development of affordable and mixed income housing, community development, neighborhood revitalization and community schools. In recent years, he has devoted his attention to developing strategies for the revitalization of distressed older cities and inner-city neighborhoods with particular emphasis on issues of equity and social inclusion, and most recently on the neighborhood and property impacts of the burgeoning foreclosure crisis.

From 1990 to 1999 he was Director of the Department of Housing & Development in Trenton, New Jersey, responsible for the city's housing, redevelopment, and economic development activities. He was responsible for starting over 1,200 housing units, converting the historic John A. Roebling Works into a modern mixed use complex, fostering economic development projects that brought over 1,500 jobs to the city, and implementing an innovative strategy for reclaiming the city's older industrial sites which led to Trenton's designation as one of only 16 cities in the nation recognized as Brownfields Showcase Communities by the Federal government.

Before taking that position, he was a planning and real estate consultant, engaged both in affordable housing development and in framing creative land use planning efforts on the local and regional level. He put together the first inclusionary housing development in New Jersey following the landmark Mount Laurel II decision, and has been closely identified with innovative strategies for developing affordable housing and mixed-income communities. Other positions he has held include Executive Director of the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, Research Director of the New Jersey County & Municipal Government Study Commission, and Assistant Dean of Livingston College at Rutgers University. From 1967 to 1971 he held various positions in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

He serves the board of the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey and on the Advisory Board of the National Vacant Properties Campaign. He has been recognized with the Paul Davidoff Award by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association, named Citizen of the Year by the New Jersey Society of Architects, and honored with the Environmental Quality Award by the US Environmental Protection Agency. In 2003 he was named a member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners in recognition of his lifetime

achievements as a leader in the city planning profession.

He has taught at Rutgers University, Stockton State College, the Antioch University Graduate Center and the New Jersey School of Architecture. He has published numerous articles on housing, community development and land use, and his books *Inclusionary Housing Programs: Policies and Practices* (1984) and *Bringing Buildings Back: From Abandoned Properties to Community Assets* (2006) are both recognized as the standard works on their respective subjects. His most recent book, *A Decent Home: Planning, Building and Preserving Affordable Housing* was published in 2009 by Planners Press and University of Chicago Press. He is a resident of Roosevelt, New Jersey, and holds a B.A. degree from Yale College.