

Peter Katz

As strategic consultant to government, public agencies and private-sector clients, Peter Katz addresses real-world needs with state of the art planning practices. In so doing, he has played a key role in shaping and implementing a range of nationally significant community design and development projects.

Such projects include the master plan and codes for the Pleasant Hill BART Station Property, now under construction, where Katz served as lead advisor to Contra Costa County. Prior to his involvement, that \$350 million-dollar development was stalled due to NIMBY opposition for almost 20 years. Other major projects where Katz acted in an advisory role include the Columbia Pike corridor redevelopment in Arlington, VA and the Upper Rock district in Rockville, MD.

Peter Katz's professional expertise extends to the field of real estate marketing. He has created marketing plans for several high-profile projects including two highly successful HUD Hope VI communities—Park DuValle in Louisville, KY and CityWest in Cincinnati, OH. Working for the Province of Ontario, Canada, Katz created a marketing plan for Cornell, a 3,000-acre master-planned community outside Toronto.

As a thought leader and advocate for better community planning, Peter Katz played a catalytic role in launching the New Urbanism, a movement that *The New York Times* called “the most important phenomenon to emerge in American architecture in the post-Cold War era.” He wrote the seminal book that initially defined the movement, *The New Urbanism: Toward an Architecture of Community*. In 1991, Katz convened the founding board members of CNU (Congress for the New Urbanism) to plan the organization and its initial series of congresses. He was later asked by CNU's board to serve as its first Executive Director. Under Peter Katz's leadership, CNU adopted its charter, obtained its first grant funding, entered into a strategic partnership with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and convened its first international congress. In 1991, on behalf of the Local Government Commission, Katz initiated and co-edited the Ahwahnee Principles, a comprehensive statement of sustainable community-building practices that has since been adopted by over 120 cities and counties in the western United States.

Peter Katz teaches in the graduate program at Virginia Tech's Northern Virginia Center. He is an associate member of the Citistates Group, a consortium of speakers under the leadership of nationally syndicated columnist Neal Peirce. Katz is also the founding president of the Form-Based Codes Institute, a national alliance advancing a promising new approach to development regulation.

Peter Katz studied architecture and graphic design at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art (New York). He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and the Royal Society of Arts (London) Honor Award upon graduation in 1976.

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