



ULI in the Community Inner-City Advisors



Background

ULI established the Inner-City Advisors Program in 1994 to draw on the expertise of executives of independent, nonprofit, community-based organizations to share information and knowledge on inner-city development. Advisors contribute their knowledge and experience, and serve as a link to the nonprofit development community. They benefit by expanding their capacity for partnerships; gaining insights into the private, for-profit real estate development community; receiving additional recognition for their organization; and obtaining objective information documenting today's best practices in land use and real estate development.

There are two categories of Inner City Advisors: local and national. ULI underwrites full membership for one local Advisor in each district council. The national Advisors are selected from among the local Advisors, and ULI underwrites their full membership and participation in the Fall Meeting, the Spring Council Forum and other ULI programs.

How Do Inner-City Advisors Contribute to ULI?

Inner City Advisors contribute to ULI in the following ways:

- Supporting ULI's goal to seek and maintain diversity among our expert membership of leading land use professionals.
- Participating in the ULI council of their choice and other ULI-sponsored sessions.
- Sharing their expertise with ULI's district councils and national research efforts.
- Championing local programs that link the for-profit and nonprofit development sectors.

Advisors frequently present at the Spring and Fall meetings, participate in ULI land use policy forums, and serve on ULI Advisory Services Panels. Advisors also play a key role in the *ULI/Charles H. Shaw Forum on Urban Community Issues*, held in Chicago each fall.

At the local level, Inner-City Advisors serve on the District Council Executive Committee, leading outreach strategies to influence urban development in the communities where they work and live. Advisors champion programs, such as Urban Marketplace, workforce housing workshops, for profit/nonprofit forums, and other initiatives related to urban revitalization, affordable and workforce housing, and for-profit/nonprofit partnerships.

Testimonials from Advisors

"The most important part of being an Inner-City Advisor is having the opportunity to learn from and be a part of the 'developer world.' The opportunity to visit other cities is invaluable. At both the local and national levels, I have learned a lot about private development and I hope that I have provided some knowledge about the public sector housing in which I am involved."

Pat Garrett, Inner-City Advisor, ULI Charlotte

"The diversity of all the participants in the Inner-City Advisor program has had a catalytic impact in the markets we serve and that communicates the message that ULI has a place for everyone."

Michael Banner, former Inner-City Advisor, ULI Los Angeles

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