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RESOURCES

Center for American Progress

www.americanprogress.org/issues/2007/09/green_jobs

Assisting with jobs initiatives in DC. See article on this link. “DC Invests in Green Collar Jobs”

DC ACORN

ACORN is a national community organizing organization of low and moderate income families. ACORN and the ACORN Housing Corporation have a presence in DC.

737 1/2 8th Street SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 547-9295

DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

1111 14th Street NW, Suite 510

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 202-289-8007

www.dcappleseed.org

Nonprofit addressing policy problems in DC metropolitan area, working with volunteer teams of attorneys and other experts. Researches and monitors current and proposed legal requirements on developers.

DC Fiscal Policy Institute

www.dcfpi.org

Ed Lazere, Executive Director, lazere@dcfpi.org

(202) 408-1080

Conducts research and educates the public and government officials on budget and tax issues impacting low and moderate income residents, including the growing shortage of affordable housing. Recent paper receiving much attention describes growing poverty despite economic development. DCFPI supports an affordability requirement when developing housing on public land. Publications available on line.

Good Jobs First

www.goodjobsfirst.org

(National organization with its office in DC)

(202) 232-1616

Contact for DC-related questions: Karla Walter, karla@goodjobsfirst.org, (202) 232-1616 x 214

A leading resource and research organization on accountable development and smart growth. Excellent publications available on line including:

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A Beginner's Guide to Accountable Development (good explanation of the various kinds of economic development subsidies)
The Ideal Deal: How Local Governments Can Get More for Their Economic Development Dollar (March 2007) (includes case studies and tools for enforcing community benefits requirements.)
Community Benefits Agreements (2005) A comprehensive publication on the subject.

The website also has a guide to subsidy research and useful links.

Jobs for the Future

www.jff.org

A nonprofit research, consulting, and advocacy organization in Boston that “works to strengthen our society by creating educational and economic opportunity for those who need it most” through education and workforce development.

Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)

<http://www.laane.org/>

This is a coalition of labor and community groups that pioneered the movement to negotiate community benefits from major development projects in California and continues to carry out campaigns for living wages, better job opportunities and health communities in the LA area. The website provides detailed information about current efforts.

One DC

614 S Street NW, Rear Carriage House “ Washington, DC 20001 “
202-232-2915

<http://onedconline.org>

Community Organizing, popular education and alternative economic development.
Has negotiated community benefits agreements for the Shaw neighborhood and currently involved with the Poplar Point development in Ward 8.
Dominic Moulden, Executive Director, dmoulden@onedconline.org

Partnership for Working Families

Primary author of the *Community Benefits Agreements* published by GJF.

Based in Oakland, California

(510) 834-8503

www.communitybenefits.org

Good contact on community benefits is Ernesto Sanchez, (510) 834 – 8503,

esanchez@communitybenefits.org

From their website -

The Partnership for Working Families (Partnership) promotes a new vision of organizing around economic policy and development to transform the lives of workers and their communities. Our thirteen local Partner organizations represent diverse coalitions of labor, religious, community, and environmental groups that organize for better jobs, a

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healthy environment, more affordable housing and healthcare, and accessible public services.

Urban Institute -NeighborhoodInfo DC

<http://www.neighborhoodinfodc.org/> is a unique source of data on D.C. neighborhoods — population, race, ethnicity, income, poverty, employment, education, public assistance, single-parent families, low weight and teen births, income, housing, crime and more. It provides data on the following **geographic areas**: [City](#), [Wards](#), [ANCs](#), [Neighborhood clusters](#), [PSAs](#), [ZIP Codes](#), [Census tracts](#), and [comparison tables](#). The purpose is to support community organizations, neighborhood leadership and residents and government as they work to improve the quality of life for people in DC. Another website gives online access to articles concerning the DC area on issues such as housing, <http://www.urban.org/housing/indicators.cfm>.

Other publications:

Annie E. Casey Foundation

Publication (fall 2007), *Community Benefits Agreements: The Power, Practice and Promise of a Responsible Redevelopment Tool*

www.aecf.org

***Workforce Intermediaries for the Twenty-first Century* (book)**

Published in association with The American Assembly, Columbia University
edited by Robert P. Giloth

http://www.temple.edu/tempres/titles/1723_reg.html