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Statement of Interest for APA New Urbanism Division Chair, 2009-11 term
Position Statement and Background Information

Though still a relatively young division of the APA, the New Urbanism Division has made great strides towards its goal of spreading the tenets and impact of the New Urbanism to the larger national organization and the planning community at large. As a twice elected officer of the division through two of the first three terms of the Division, I have been fortunate enough to share in those successes, and look forward to building from that base as the Division's next Chair.

Here are some examples of how I would work to build on the Division's record of good work:

- The New Urbanism Division has been one of the fastest growing divisions in the APA; by ensuring that the Division delivers valuable information and resources to its members, and provides effective forums for the exchange of ideas and best practices, I will reinforce and grow that record of vibrant, burgeoning and active membership.
- The New Urbanism Division's Newsletters, under the direction of capable and dedicated editors, co-editors, and contributors have consistently delivered strong and engaging new urban content to its audience of planners. As Chair, I will work to continue that record and increase the number of annual newsletters to our goal of a quarterly publication. I plan to do that by more actively recruiting and encouraging a wider group of division members to contribute to the content, editing and assemblage of *New Urbanism in Practice*.
- The New Urbanism Division has conceived and executed several PowerPoint presentations, produced by the Division and distributed to the membership. They have received high marks from APA, new urbanists and leadership alike. As Chair I will work to organize and facilitate the production and distribution of additional presentations each year, focusing on pertinent new urban planning topics as suggested and determined by the membership.
- The Division website and listserv have been carefully established and diligently maintained by volunteers. I will encourage greater use of these forums by contributing and soliciting updated content and discussion topics on a regularly scheduled basis.
- I will foster better connection, input and feedback from, and to APA Headquarters and the CNU, particularly CNU's Planners Initiatives, by engaging and maintaining contact with the key individuals whose areas of interest and expertise have the greatest overlap with new urbanist planners.
- I will push for new initiatives in spreading the education of new urbanist planning principles, through better connections between division membership and their various local APA and CNU chapters.

I am a Principal and Segment Director with Torti Gallas and Partners, a private sector planning and architecture firm in Silver Spring, Maryland. I work as a planner, architect and urban designer on the firm's extensive neighborhood revitalization portfolio, and my efforts to implement affordable housing, mixed-use, mixed-income and urban infill policy through appropriate and contextual neighborhood planning and architecture are reflected nationwide in almost two dozen projects.

My expertise has been tapped by HUD and the CNU as a presenter at several regional design training workshops, as a panelist at CNU's X and XII, and at state Department of Housing and Community Development and Historic Preservation Office seminars.

I have been the Secretary-Treasurer of the APA's New Urbanism Division during the 2003-2005 term, and the Division Vice Chair during the 2007-2009 term. I am a certified planner and a registered architect, a member of APA since 1998, and AICP since 1999, and have been a member of the CNU since 1998. I hold Masters Degrees in Urban and Environmental Planning, and in Architecture, both from the University of Virginia, along with specialized studies Certificates in American Urbanism, and in Historic Preservation. My other professional affiliations are with the American Institute of Architects, the National Building Museum, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With your support, I look forward to serving the Division as its next Chair.