

Join us in creating the

Alexander Garvin Urban Studies Resource Center

at the Yale School of Architecture



A group of former students are launching a capital campaign to recognize Professor Alexander Garvin's life and career as a teacher and mentor to students at Yale College and the Yale School of Architecture over a career of more than 50 years and to ensure his legacy of teaching urban studies continues in perpetuity at Yale.

With cumulative gifts totaling \$1 million, the Alexander Garvin Urban Studies Resource Center will serve as a home to those who embrace Alex's approach to planning and the public realm and exemplify his commitment to teaching. The Center will embody Alex's vision for Urban Studies at Yale and will energize Yale's long and growing commitment and investment into Urban Studies in the years and decades ahead.

Thank you for your consideration to participate in this initiative to honor Alex's legacy and to ensure the continued teaching of urban studies at Yale.

Alexander Garvin Capital Campaign Committee

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To Make A Gift

Donations can be made online at www.architecture.yale.edu/give.

For more information, please contact one of the committee members, or Jill Siegel, Senior Director of Alumni Affairs and Development, Yale School of Architecture at jill.siegel@yale.edu or 203.432.5846.



Envisioning The Space

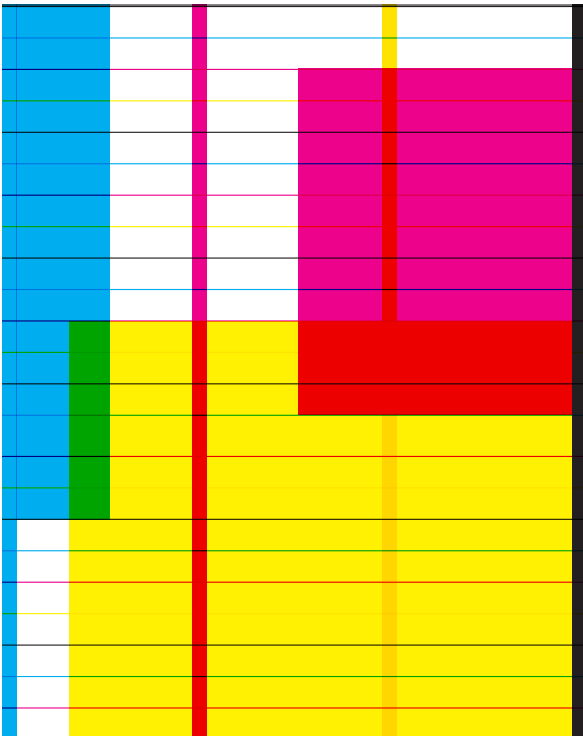
The Alexander Garvin Urban Studies Resource Center will be located on the 7th floor of Rudolph Hall—the iconic home of the Yale School of Architecture designed by Paul Rudolph—and will provide a home to undergraduate students exploring or majoring in Urban Studies. The Center will provide flexible space for the following uses:

- classroom activities and group discussions around urban planning, design, and development coursework and projects
- displaying and reviewing those projects
- individual desks and workspaces for coursework, study, and projects
- a library to support student research towards those projects

The library section of the Center will house urban studies books and resources from Alex Garvin's personal library, along with a computer kiosk to access the digital image library he donated to Yale with over 300,000 images that were collected over 50 years of worldwide travel and insatiable curiosity.

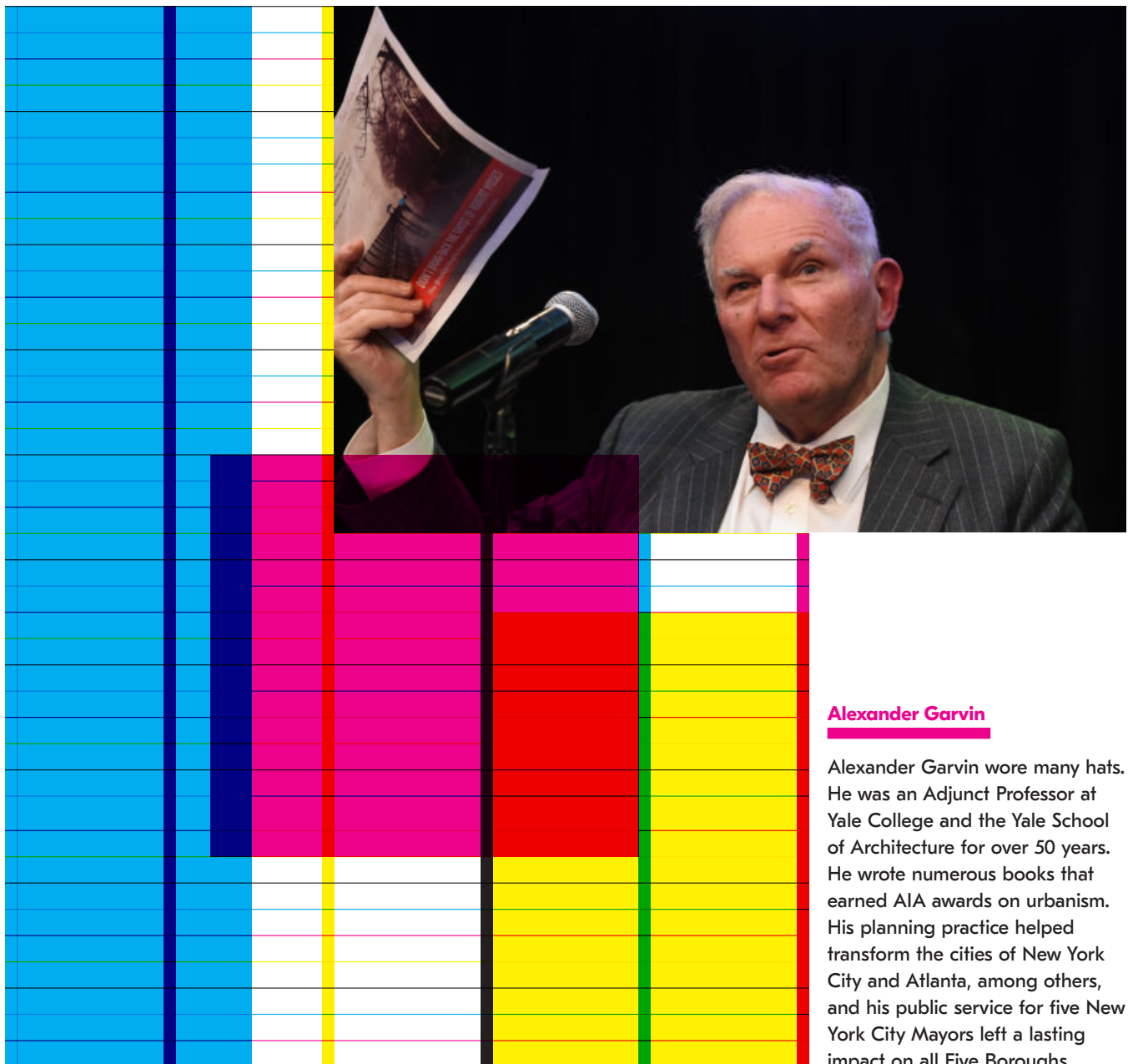
The funds from this gift will be put into an endowment fund for the Urban Studies Program, whose courses will be available to both undergraduate students and graduate students at Yale. The distributed income from funds will be directed by the Dean of the Yale School of Architecture in support of the Urban Studies program and to enhance the Alexander Garvin Urban Studies Resource Center's functions.

In doing so, the Center promotes Alex's passion for the Urban Studies program at Yale. The Center and the funds raised to endow it will ensure this critically important instruction will be readily accessible and available in perpetuity for students at Yale College, the Yale School of Architecture, and throughout Yale's graduate and professional schools.



Teacher

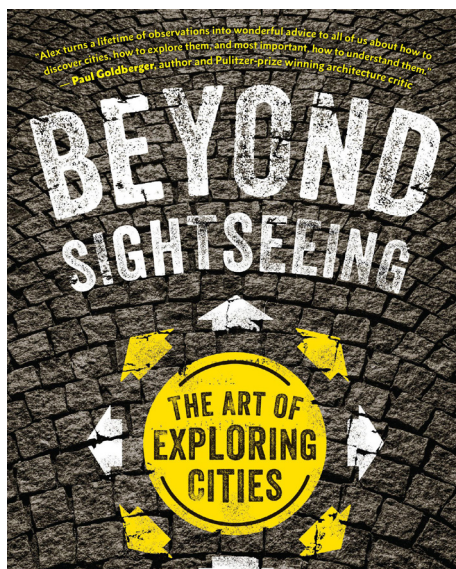
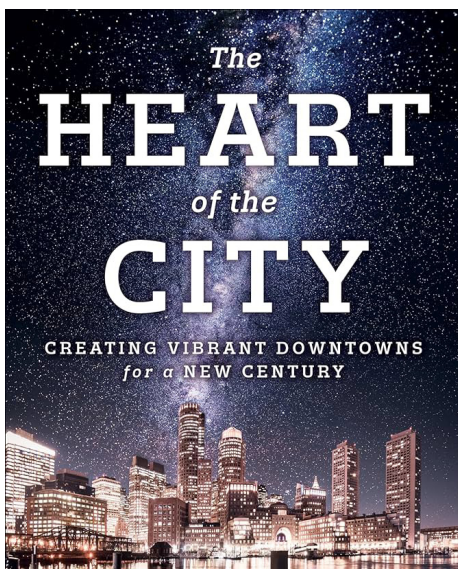
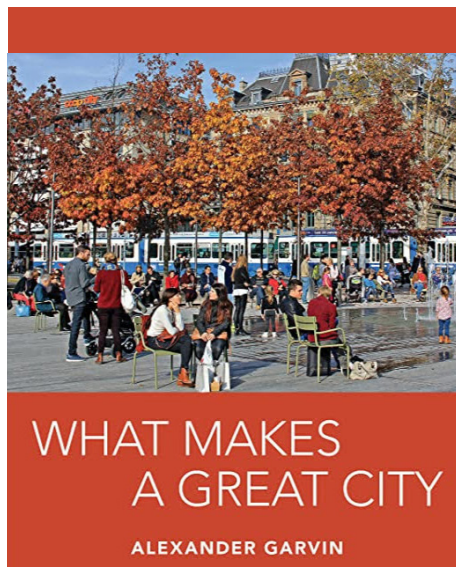
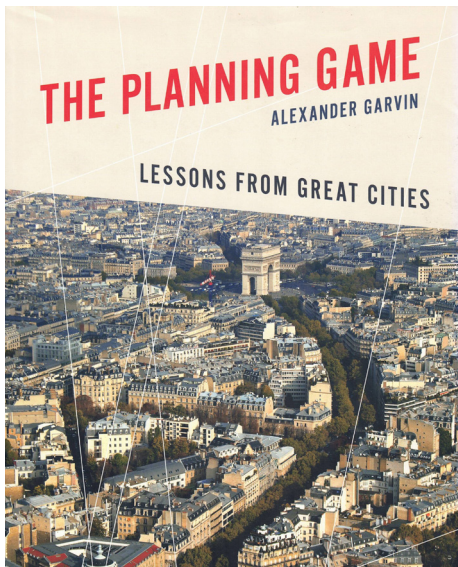
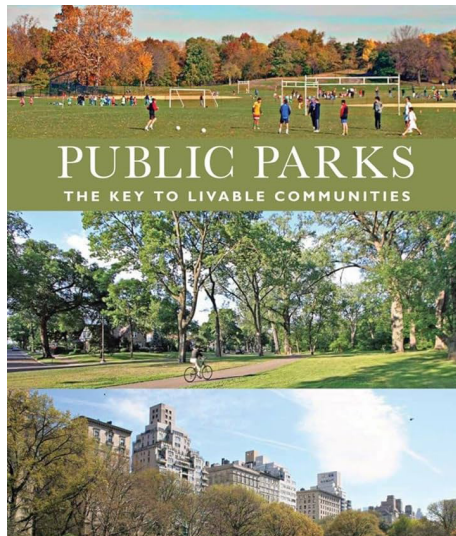
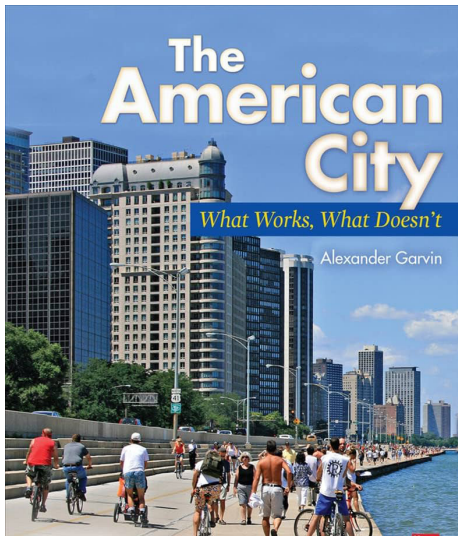
Alex taught at Yale for over 50 years, including his popular course, Study of the City, which featured “The Planning Game” to illustrate how the built environment is the intersection of many disciplines. He educated generations of urban planners, developers, architects, lawyers, and mayors at Yale University, in his daily work, and via academic lectures and symposia around-the-world. His influence on the built environment of the late 20th and early 21st centuries is incalculable.



Alexander Garvin

Alexander Garvin wore many hats. He was an Adjunct Professor at Yale College and the Yale School of Architecture for over 50 years. He wrote numerous books that earned AIA awards on urbanism. His planning practice helped transform the cities of New York City and Atlanta, among others, and his public service for five New York City Mayors left a lasting impact on all Five Boroughs.

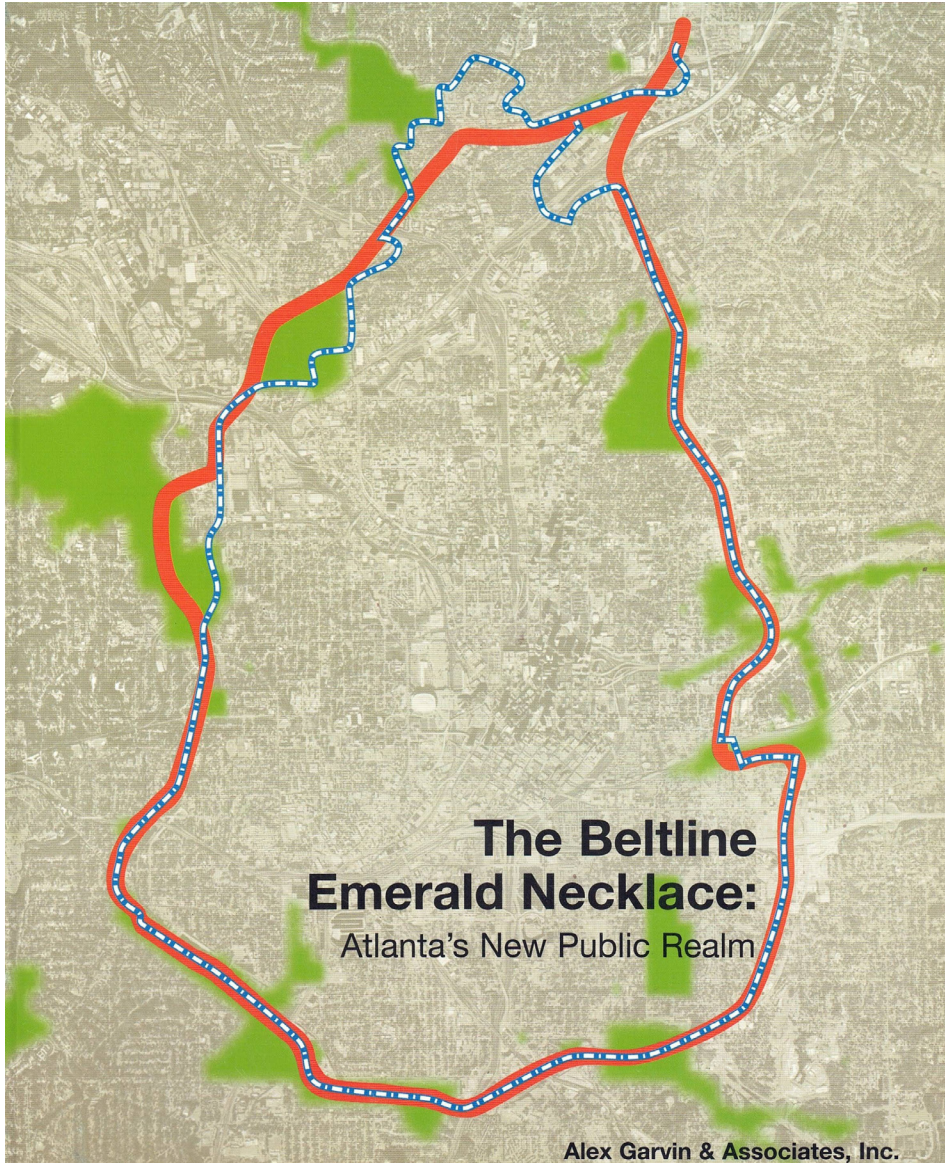
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6 Key Books

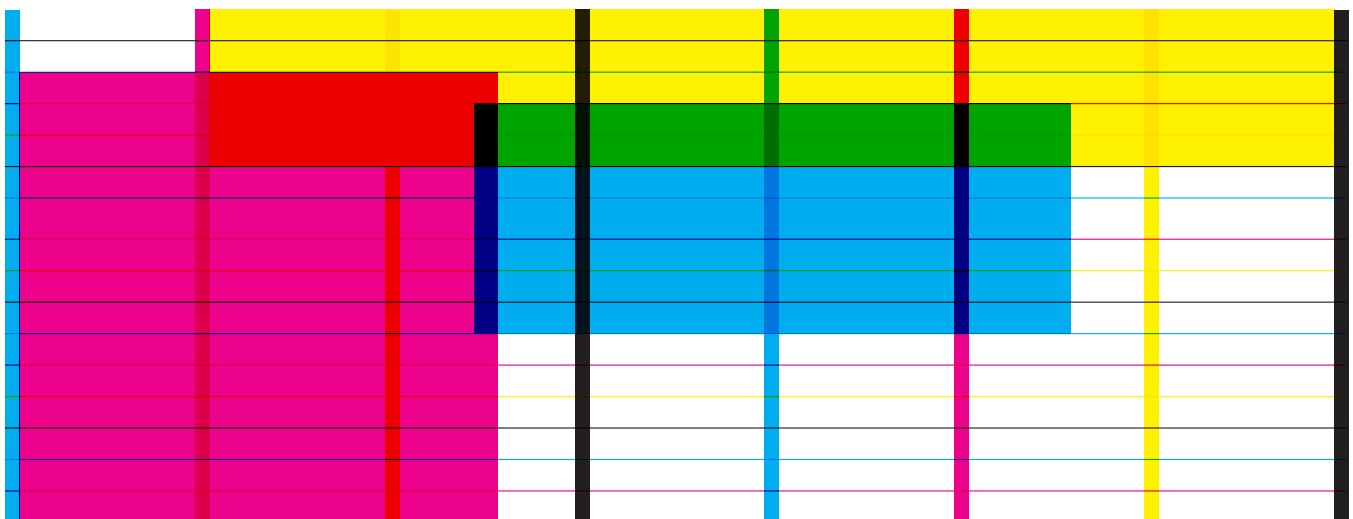
1. American City: What Works What Doesn't
2. Public Parks: The Key to Livable Communities
3. The Planning Game: Lessons from Great Cities
4. What Makes a Great City
5. The Heart of the City
6. Beyond Sightseeing: The Art of Exploring Cities

Planner



The Beltline Emerald Necklace

Working with the Trust for Public Land, Alex created a vision to expand the concept for a new transit line (from a master's thesis of a Georgia Tech student) to include a linear park system with "jewels" of public space along the route. Alex's Beltline vision created a public realm framework around which Atlanta could grow, re-urbanize, and densify along the 22-mile loop. Today, the Atlanta Beltline is widely considered the largest urban redevelopment project in the United States and has been widely successful in implementing Alex's plan.



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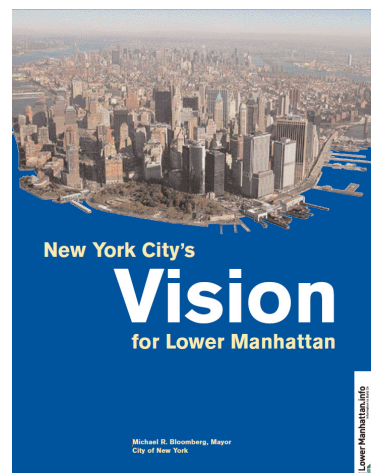
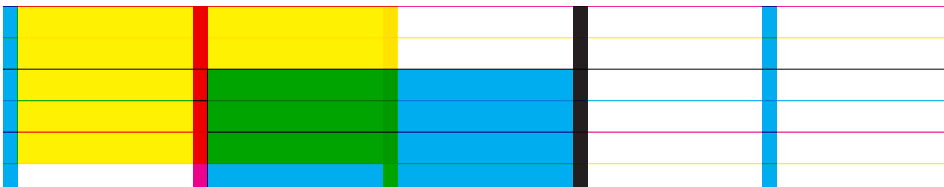
NYC2012: The Plan for New York City's Olympic Bid

Although NYC did not win the bid for the 2012 Olympics, many aspects of Alex's plan helped shape the future investment, development, and growth of neighborhoods throughout the city.



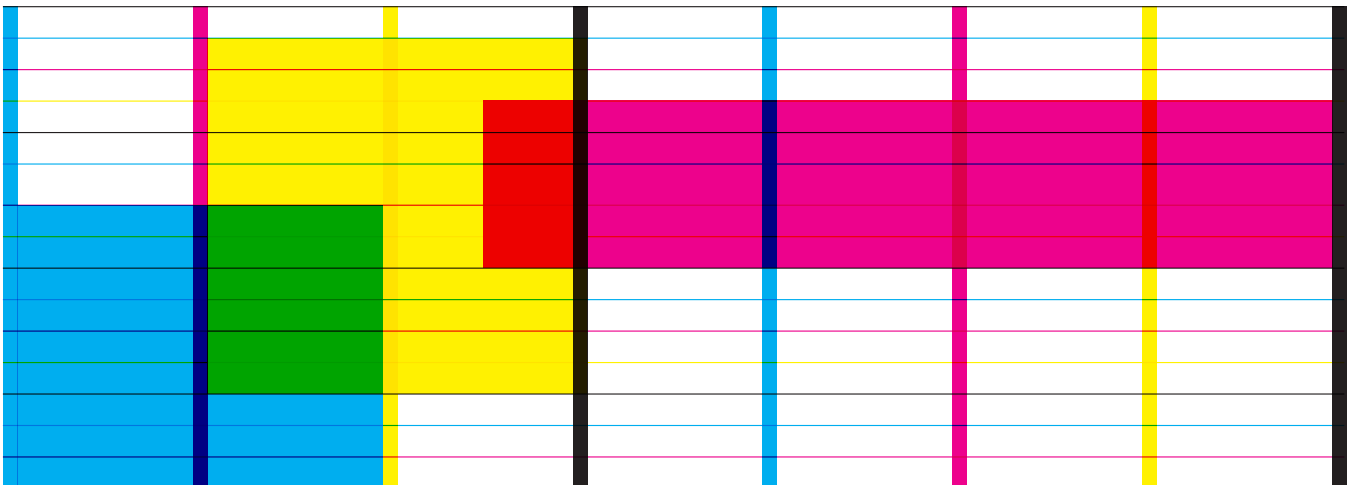
Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

Mayor Bloomberg's "Vision for Lower Manhattan" (2002) was driven by Alex's work at LMDC. Much of that plan has been implemented to re-connect Lower Manhattan, build new neighborhoods, and create new public spaces.



Public Servant

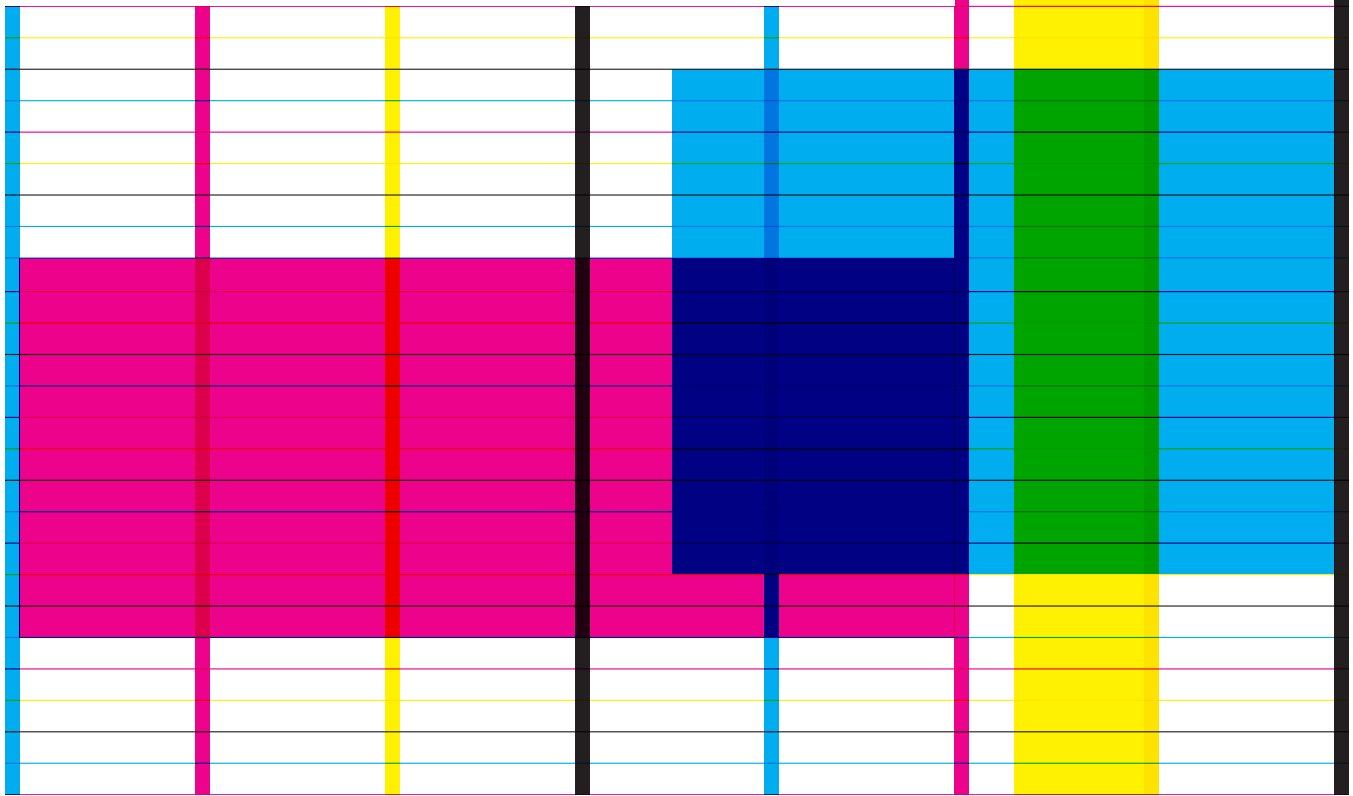
A lifelong New Yorker, Alex served under five mayoral administrations, including as New York City Planning Commissioner (1995-2004), Director of Compressive Planning (1978-1980), Deputy Commissioner of Housing and Development (1974-1978), and Director of Housing and Community Development (1970-1974).



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"Planning is how we deal with change — encouraging change we want, preventing change we do not want, and shaping change we cannot avoid. When we plan, we are trying to coordinate different people and events so that they interact in a positive way, instead of a random way. As a result, planning includes many people — elected public officials, employees of government agencies, private developers, bankers, architects, civic organizations, interest groups, and concerned citizens. It involves politics, finance, design, engineering, and a great deal of persistence."

Alexander Garvin

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M.U.S. 1967
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