

# About the Furman Center

Since its founding in 1995, the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy has become the leading academic research center in New York City devoted to the public policy aspects of land use, real estate development and housing.

## The Furman Center is dedicated to the following three missions:

**PROVIDING OBJECTIVE ACADEMIC AND EMPIRICAL RESEARCH** on the legal and public policy issues involving land use, real estate, housing and urban affairs in the United States, with a particular focus on New York City. At present, our research focuses particularly on measuring the impacts public and private investments such as housing, schools, amenities and changes in services have on neighborhood property values and other measures of neighborhood quality;

**PROMOTING FRANK AND PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS** among elected and appointed officials, leaders of the real estate industry, leaders of non-profit housing and community development organizations, scholars, faculty and students about critical issues in land use, real estate and urban policy;

**PRESENTING ESSENTIAL DATA AND ANALYSIS** about the state of New York City's housing and neighborhoods to all those involved in land use, real estate development, community economic development, housing, urban economics and urban policy. The Furman Center manages two websites that help disseminate information on New York City's housing and neighborhoods to the public: [www.plannyc.org](http://www.plannyc.org) and [www.nychanis.com](http://www.nychanis.com).

**PlanNYC** is a comprehensive, independent information source about major land use and development projects in New York City. PlanNYC provides, for each project covered, a general description, news summaries and links to related articles, official documents such as environmental impact statements, a timeline of

the project's progress, and a calendar of related events, including local community board meetings and public hearings. PlanNYC's content brings together information from advocacy organizations, government agencies, academic institutions, neighborhood groups, and media organizations to provide as comprehensive a picture as possible.

**THE NEW YORK CITY NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION SERVICE (NYCHANIS)** is an interactive website that allows users to obtain data and information about New York City neighborhoods and create custom-made tables, charts, graphs, and maps. The Furman Center also publishes the *State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods*. Every year the Furman Center compiles statistics on housing, demographics and quality of life in the City, its five boroughs and 59 community districts.



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