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- **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;
- **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;
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