

KEY NOTE SPEAKER

JERILYN PERINE

Jerilyn Perine is an urban planner with more than 25 years of experience in housing and community development in New York City's neighborhoods. Appointed by both Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Mayor Michael Bloomberg to lead America's largest municipal housing agency with more than 2500 employees and an annual operating and capital budget of \$800 million. Before being appointed Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development in September 2000, where she served until March 2004, Ms. Perine held a variety of positions in housing and community development including Assistant Commissioner for Homeless Housing Development and First Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning.

As Commissioner Ms. Perine was the author of Mayor Bloomberg's New Housing Marketplace Plan that provides \$3 billion over 5 years to preserve and create over 65,000 units of affordable housing. Under Mayor Giuliani she designed and oversaw the management and operation of programs designed to return a significant inventory of tax foreclosed residential property to local, private ownership.

Ms. Perine has traveled and collaborated with housing and community development professionals in the former East Germany, Northern Ireland, Britain, Canada and Australia. She was a member of the International Brownfield Exchange between 1998 and 2002 and has lectured at conferences and universities in the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Ms. Perine is currently President of *Block by Block, LLC* which is focused on affordable housing development and community development in cities in the US and abroad. Ms. Perine grew up in New York City where she received a Bachelors Degree from the City College of New York in Harlem and completed graduate work in Urban Planning at New York University. She lives in Manhattan with her husband and two children.

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