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Panel to Examine Impacts of Building Heights in Capital Cities

Washington, DC – On Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m., the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the National Archives host a panel of international experts to address the question: “What can we learn from other capitals about managing building heights and its impact on a city’s look, development and design?”

The panel will explore increasing pressures on cities to build taller buildings, and examine strategies to balance city character with economic vitality. This talk will inform the *Washington, DC Height Master Plan*, jointly led by NCPC and the District of Columbia Office of Planning. Washington's horizontal skyline is shaped by the Height of Buildings Act of 1910, a federal law which regulates the height of all buildings the city.

Invited panelists include Jurgen Bruns-Berentelg, CEO of HafenCity Hamburg; François Dagnaud, mayor of Paris’ 19th arrondissement; Robert Tavernor, architect, urbanist, and historian in London; and John Worthington, principal, DEGW Architects. Gary Hack, professor emeritus of city & regional planning at the University of Pennsylvania School of Design, will moderate the discussion.

The program is free and open to the public, and will be held in the William G. McGowan Theater of the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. Attendees should use the Special Events entrance, located at Constitution Ave. and 7th Street, NW.

The program is presented in partnership by the National Capital Planning Commission and the National Archives.

What: *Heightened Conversations: Impacts of Building Heights in Capital Cities*

When: Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Who: Invited Panelists:

- [Jurgen Bruns-Berentelg](#) (Berlin/Hamburg), CEO of HafenCity Hamburg, and former manager of Berlin's Sony Center
- [François Dagnaud](#) (Paris), mayor of the 19th arrondissement of Paris and former deputy mayor
- [Robert Tavernor](#) (London), architect, urbanist, and historian, involved with key London development sites
- [John Worthington](#) (London), principal, DEGW Architects, and visiting professor, University of Sheffield
- [Gary Hack](#) (moderator), professor emeritus of city & regional planning, University of Pennsylvania School of Design

Where: William G. McGowan Theater of the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. Attendees should use the Special Events entrance, located at Constitution Ave. and 7th Street, NW.

RSVP: The event is free and open to the public and RSVPs are not required. Seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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