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**R**ick Bernhardt is Executive Director of the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Planning Department. A town planner for over 30 years, he has applied integrated urban design solutions to specific planning problems. He has focused on using growth management techniques together with multi-modal transportation investments and policies to coordinate the timing and staging of development to achieve specific land use and community objectives. Rick's practice has focused on creating sustainable communities, neighborhoods and places through the use of traditional design principles.

Prior to joining Metro, he was director of EDAA's Town Planning Studio. Previously, he was Director of the City of Orlando's Department of Planning and Development for seventeen years. Where he directed the designation of the City of Orlando as a Demonstration Sustainable Community by the State of Florida.

Rick was educated at Auburn University (B.S. in Economics) and Ohio State University (Master of City Planning with a concentration in housing and urban structure) and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from The Ohio State University in 1997.

He currently serves as the Chair of the Planners Task Force for the Congress of the New Urbanism and is working on the CNU Codes Project. Rick previously served as a two-term President of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association and Chair of APA's Chapter Presidents Council where he also served on the Board of Directors. Most recently, he was elected to the initial College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

He is a recipient of APA's National Distinguished Service Award as well as the Outstanding Planner Award from the Florida Chapter. Rick received the distinguished Catherine Brown Award from the Congress for the New Urbanism for his contributions to the field of New Urbanism and traditional town planning.

Through his interest in housing, Rick founded the Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation (Orlando's largest non-profit affordable housing corporation). He also served on the founding Boards of Directors for the Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless and the Orlando chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Bernhardt has written, lectured and participated in the formation of major planning policy issues nationwide.

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