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## MERCEDES NARCISO Architecture and Urban Planning

Mercedes Narciso is an architect and urban planner with over 30 years of experience in community-based planning and development. At the Pratt Center for Community Development, she was responsible for the management and coordination of diverse planning and policy projects, including the Manhattan Community District 9 197-a Plan and the review of Columbia University's Special Mixed Use District Rezoning Proposal. She was also the lead coordinator of the Manufacturing Land Use and Zoning Initiative report, conceived as a detailed study of manufacturing land uses and zoning, seeking to identify issues and opportunities facing manufacturing districts and mixed-use communities in New York City.

As an architectural project manager, she coordinated the provision of full architectural services for building gut renovation and construction of over 40 two- to five-unit low-income coop apartments in row houses in four neighborhoods of East Brooklyn for the Mutual Housing Association of New York, as well as provision of technical assistance to several nonprofit community-based groups in New York City in the development of schools, community facilities, commercial facilities, and low-income housing.

As a member of CCCE, she worked on the Chinatown Working Group's *Plan for Chinatown and Surrounding Areas*, on a land use and zoning research study and the preparation of a report for Bronx Community Board 7, and on the Stamford Land Use and Preservation Study for the South End, among others.

Mercedes is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at Pratt Institute. Mercedes has an MS in City and Regional Planning and an M. Arch from Pratt Institute and an architecture degree from the University Simon Bolivar in Venezuela. She is a Registered Architect.