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Our flagship publication, the *Planning Commissioners Journal,* is intended to meet the needs of "citizen planners," including members of local and regional planning and zoning boards. The *PCJ* is published quarterly and provides plain English explanations of planning and land use issues; insightful ideas on how planning boards can work better; and primers on important issues communities face.

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Welcome to the Commission!
A Guide for New Members

Help new members of your planning board get started on the right foot with our *Welcome to the Commission Guide.*

The 40-page *Guide*, illustrated by cartoonist Marc Hughes, incorporates carefully selected excerpts from *Planning Commissioners Journal* articles. The first half of the *Guide* is organized around ten key tips for new members. The second half introduces new commissioners to some of the most important "players" in the planning universe – the governing body, the public, builders & developers, the media, and others.

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Practical Advice

For more than 15 years, Elaine Cogan has been sharing her wisdom and experience with *Planning Commissioners Journal* readers in her column, "The Effective Planning Commissioner." Elaine has tackled subjects from "What Counts Most as a Planning Commissioner" to "Dealing with Difficult People" to "Working Effectively with Elected Officials" – with common sense and practical advice.

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Now that You're on Board:

How to Survive ... and Thrive ... as a Planning Commissioner. *by Elaine Cogan*

Through 25 practical tips, illustrated by cartoonist Marc Hughes, Elaine draws on her many years of experience, providing insights on the valuable role planning board members play, and how they can use their skills most effectively.

Available in an attractive spiral-bound booklet, **Now that You're on Board** is an excellent supplement to the *Welcome to the Commission Guide*.

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