PROFESSIONAL/ETHICS STANDARDS
FOR MEMBERS OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

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The Importance of Ethical Standards

- Rules Governing Activities of Professional Organizations
- Or the "Spider-Man Principle"
Aspirational or Administrative?

• Standards promote external and internal confidence in your actions.

• With so many ways to question your judgment, ethics should never enter the equation.
Best Practices

1. Transparency and Public Participation
2. Disclosure
3. Potential Conflicts of Interest
4. Recusal If Necessary
Best Practices (cont'd)

5. Gifts and Other Lobbying

6. Post-Service Restrictions

7. Clear Staffing Responsibility
Ethics in Practice

- Initial Disclosures
- Recusals
- Equal Access
- Ethics Advisor
Next Steps

THANKS...

...PARTNER.