

# 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



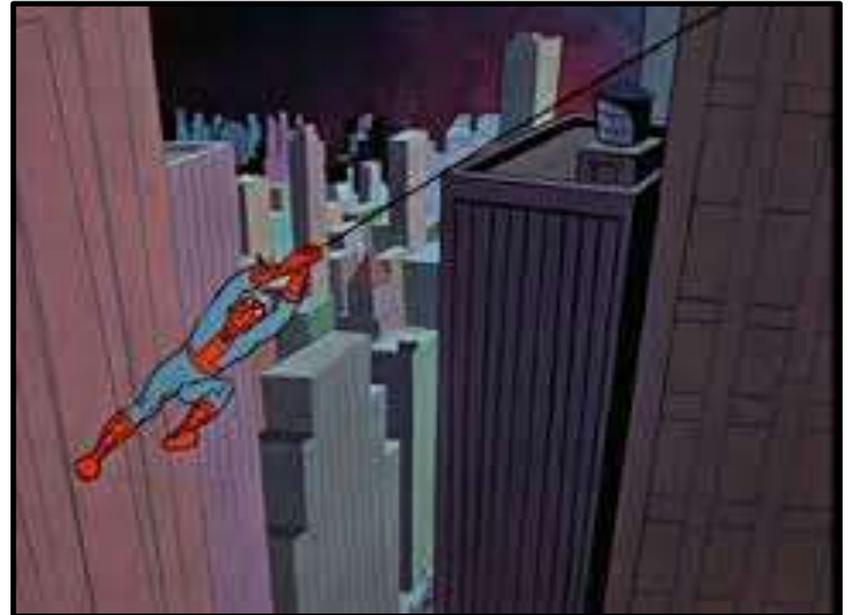
# Best Practices (cont'd)



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

