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Constantine Kontokosta is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Schack Institute of Real Estate at New York University, where he teaches courses on real estate development, sustainable development, urban planning, and land use regulation. Kontokosta has been directly involved with expanding the sustainability efforts at the Schack Institute, having taught the Green Building and Sustainable Development graduate course, as well as seminars on green building and the USGBC LEED green building rating system. He is also a faculty advisor for the NYU Sustainability Task Force. Kontokosta has written and presented on a number of planning, housing, and economic issues, including the impact of the Olympic Games on real estate markets, the effects of gentrification on low-income residents, and the use of tax increment financing for affordable housing provision. He has recently been awarded a research grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to study the political economy of inclusionary housing. He is also the recipient of research grants from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Columbia University, and the American Society of Civil Engineers, among others. Kontokosta was recently named a Fulbright Senior Specialist.

In addition to his academic responsibilities, Kontokosta is Principal and Founder of the KACE Group, a New York-based real estate development and investment firm that provides high-quality products that balance equity, sustainability, and economic feasibility. He founded the firm in 2000, and it has grown to over 20 employees in offices in Manhattan and Eastern Long Island. Currently, the firm has over 450 affordable and senior housing units under development, and has completed numerous projects, including mixed-use developments, the Harborfront Inn at Greenport, and Sixty-Seven Steps Vineyard. KACE's accomplishments have appeared in the *New York Times*, as well as numerous national magazines and local newspapers. Prior to founding KACE, Kontokosta was a project manager at Tishman Construction Corp, where he was involved with several large-scale projects including the 1.1M square foot building at 745 Seventh Avenue. He was also a financial analyst at Capital Trust (NYSE: CT), a finance and investment management firm, where he analyzed mezzanine loans on commercial real estate properties and subordinate CMBS investments.

Kontokosta is currently the Vice Chair of the Suffolk County Planning Commission, where he has served since 2005, and has been a chair and member of subcommittees on affordable housing and sustainable development. Kontokosta was instrumental in the major revisions to the Suffolk County Planning Commission, focusing on sustainable development goals and policies. He is an active member of numerous community, professional, and academic organizations, including the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, the Urban Land Institute, the US Green Building Council, and Engineers without Borders International.

Professor Kontokosta is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of New York, a planner certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners, and a USGBC LEED Accredited Professional. He is currently completing his doctorate in Urban Planning at Columbia University, specializing in real estate finance, housing and land use policy, econometrics, and urban economics. Prior to his doctoral studies, he earned an M.Phil and M.S. in Urban Planning from Columbia University, an M.S. in Real Estate Development from New York University and a B.S.E. in Civil Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania.