

# The Planning Gatekeeper: The Politics of Planning

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ABSTRACT

For years we have become accustomed as a society to protect the "classic" gatekeepers: the courts, the press and others. In this article I want to address the issue of the "planning gatekeeper". There is no disputing the importance of planning in determining peoples' quality of life, starting from the level of the home and the neighborhood up to the levels of the city, the district and the entire country. At the same time, all the moves that take place in the planning world are not exposed to the public eye; on the other hand, it is recognized that often the planning world is exposed to various interests motivated by extraneous and unprofessional considerations. This article deals with the impacts of the political world on planning, analyzing and using relevant recent examples and closing with thoughts and conclusions for the future

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