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MAYOR NUTTER APPOINTS ALAN GREENBERGER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Philadelphia, August 14 – Mayor Michael A. Nutter announced today that he has appointed Alan Greenberger as Executive Director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission.

“Alan has established a reputation as one of the most thoughtful, steady and considerate voices in city planning,” said Mayor Nutter. “I am confident that he is exactly the right candidate to lead the City Planning Commission into a new era for planning in Philadelphia. The Commission will return to its historic, Charter-based leadership role in shaping our vision of the future and managing the development of our city.”

Alan Greenberger has served as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission since January 2008. He is a principal at MGA Partners where he directs many of the firm's architectural, urban design, and planning projects and he is a co-founder of the Design Advocacy Group of Philadelphia. He has served as Lead Designer/Planner on projects both in the city, the region and around the world including the United States Courthouse in Philadelphia, the Mann Center for the Performing Arts, Temple University's Campus Masterplan, and the Art Museum at Princeton University. He is a Visiting Instructor at the University of Pennsylvania's Department of City and Regional Planning and an Adjunct Professor of Architecture at the Drexel University Department of Architecture.

“Mayor Nutter has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to a new era for planning in Philadelphia and I am very excited to play a key role as Executive Director of the City Planning Commission,” said Alan Greenberger. “With his support and the support of the community that has clamored for these initiatives for years, I intend to restore the Planning Commission to a leadership role as the premier city design agency in the United States.”

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Mayor Nutter thanked Gary Jastrzab for his service as Interim Executive Director of the City Planning

Commission since January 2008. He will continue in this role until November when Alan Greenberger will begin as permanent Executive Director. Greenberger will report to Andrew Altman, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.