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Toni L. Griffin was recently named Professor of Architecture and the inaugural Director of the J. Max Bond Center on Design for the Just City at the Spitzer School of Architecture at the City College of New York. Founded in 2011, the Bond Center is dedicated to the advancement of design practice, education, research and advocacy in ways that build and sustain resilient and just communities, cities and regions. In addition to her academic involvement, Ms. Griffin maintains an active private practice, Urban Planning and Design for the American City, based in New York. Through the practice, Toni recently lead the long range planning initiative of the Detroit Work Project, and in 2012 completed Detroit Future City, a comprehensive citywide framework plan for urban transformation.

Prior to returning to private practice, Toni was the Director of Community Development for the City of Newark, New Jersey, where she was responsible for creating a centralized division of planning and urban design. Between 2000-2006, Ms. Griffin served as Vice President and Director of Design for the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation in Washington, DC, and held the position of Deputy Director for Revitalization Planning and Neighborhood Planning in the D.C. Office of Planning.

Between 1998-200, Ms. Griffin served as Vice President for Planning & Tourism Development for the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Development Corporation in New York City. She began her career as an architect with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP in Chicago, where she became an Associate Partner involved in architecture and urban design projects.

Ms. Griffin received a Bachelors of Architecture from the University of Notre Dame and a Loeb Fellowship from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, where she also taught as an Adjunct Associate Professor between 2006-2011.