

Position: Senior Design Advisor, Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety

Location: New York, New York

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ) advises the Mayor and First Deputy Mayor on criminal justice policy and is the Mayor's representative to the courts, district attorneys, and state criminal justice agencies, among others. The office designs, deploys, and evaluates citywide strategies to drive down crime, reduce unnecessary arrests and incarceration, and improve the system's fairness. MOCJ works with both law enforcement and city agencies, non-profits, foundations and others to implement data-driven strategies that address current crime conditions, prevent offending, and build the strong neighborhoods that ensure enduring safety. The office draws on various disciplines, such as, behavioral economics to "nudge" conduct and machine learning to develop reliable predictive analytics, to ensure effective results.

Great design can be the vehicle to create equitable buildings and spaces that are safe, sustainable, resilient and healthy. MOCJ is engaged in a number of design and construction initiatives. One place-based effort is [The Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety](#) (MAP). MAP is a comprehensive approach to reducing crime and strengthening neighborhoods in and around 15 New York City Housing Authority developments that experience high rates of violent crime. MAP is deploying Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies — from investing in extensive upgrades to lights, cameras and layered access, to exploring how CPTED practices might be leveraged in capital construction projects slated in and around the 15 MAP sites. MAP is also initiating community workgroups to explore design and public space activation solutions to gang lines and areas of high criminal activity.

MOCJ is also engaged in the design and construction of court facilities throughout the city. Because of the important relationship between the quality of the court facilities and the quality of justice in the city, MOCJ works with a variety of city and state partners to ensure that the design of our courts encourages the public's trust in our criminal justice system.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is seeking a dynamic, intellectually curious leader to serve as Senior Design Advisor. The Senior Design Advisor must be a proven manager and thought leader in architectural design, and demonstrate a substantial capacity for independent initiative while working creatively with a diverse assortment of City agency leaders, non-profit directors, community representatives, and external contractors.

Under the direction of MAP's Executive Director, the Senior Design Advisor's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Serving as point person to ensure best practices are used for public safety infrastructure improvements at MAP sites;
- Serving as lead for assessing and overseeing design, construction and built environment initiatives that aim at reducing crime and increasing public safety;
- Researching and providing innovative thought leadership and guidance on developing and implementing CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) best practices for NYC;
- Attending field reviews and develop recommendations for CPTED interventions;
- Assisting in developing interagency working groups, project coordination meetings;
- Assisting in developing design details of construction projects for NYC courts and MAP sites; and
- Developing and implementing methods of engaging community and stakeholder input on design and construction projects.

PREFERRED SKILLS AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in architecture and at least two years of experience working on a project team on multiple projects.
- A valid New York State Registration as an Architect. New York State Registration as an Architect must be maintained for the duration of your employment.
- Two to five years of project management, administrative or supervisory experience.
- Extensive experience working with community organizations or other neighborhood-based constituencies.
- Fluency in CPTED practices and/or public safety infrastructure investment specifications (lighting, cameras, etc).
- Expertise in urban planning, community development or related professional fields.
- Strong project management skills with exceptional attention to detail required.
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced environment required.
- Outstanding interpersonal skills and ability to maintain positive relationships with a diverse array of constituencies.
- Strong time management skills with a proven ability to multitask and to prioritize activities to successfully complete projects on tight deadlines with little supervision.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to present data in a simple and straightforward way for non-technical audiences required.
- Demonstrated ability to exercise sound judgment required.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

TO APPLY: Submit a cover letter, resume, and three (3) references by following this link: [Candidate Application](#).

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