**aLEXIS SMITH   
Principal housing & Land use planner**



Relying on a broad range of experience from across the design, planning and development fields, Alexis works with the cities and towns of Greater Boston to craft policies that support the creation of safe, affordable homes and equitable neighborhoods.

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Boston, MA**

**Principal Housing & Land Use Planner, 2021 – present.**

**Senior Housing & Land Use Planner, 2018 – 2021.** Works directly with communities in the Boston metropolitan area to develop strategies to meet their housing goals, including zoning and design guidelines, needs analyses, redevelopment of municipally-owned land, and best practices research. Recent work has utilized development feasibility analysis to ensure that new transit-oriented zoning districts include housing that is affordable to a range of incomes.

**2Life Communities, Boston, MA**

**Project Manager, 2015 – 2017.** Wrote design guidelines that defined best practices for future organization housing projects, from conceptual design to technical details, including sustainability goals and recommendations.Managed predevelopment for two new affordable housing projects; assembled and maintained financial pro forma; secured federal and state funding; coordinated project design and construction team, including green building consultant.

**San Francisco Planning Department, San Francisco, CA**

**Planner/Urban Designer, 2011 – 2014.** Managed implementation of Market Octavia Area Plan, including Area Plan project prioritization and allocation of impact fees. Managed design and public engagement for Haight Ashbury Public Realm Plan. Wrote policy documents supporting implementation of the Western SoMa Community Plan, including nexus study and impact fee implementation plan.

**Center for Community Innovation, Berkeley, CA**

**Research Fellow, 2008 – 2010.** Provided technical assistance to affordable housing and community development nonprofits, including assessment of potential sites for affordable housing, mapping and data analysis, and regulatory and feasibility research around reuse of foreclosed properties.

**Manna, Inc., Washington, DC**

**Design Associate, 2005 – 2008.**

Designed and managed affordable multifamily housing projects from schematic design through construction administration, including both new construction and substantial renovations. Directed Manna’s Green Building initiative; applied for and administered grants for sustainable upgrades at four Manna projects; represented the affordable housing industry on the DC Green Building Task Force.

**Habitat for Humanity, Washington, DC**

**Design Associate, 2004 – 2005.** Supervised volunteers and future homeowners in construction of affordable homes; researched green building materials and techniques and made recommendations to Habitat Environmental Committee.

**EDUCATION**

**University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA**

**Master of City Planning, 2010.**

Concentrations in Housing and Urban Design

Eisner Prize for outstanding creative achievement in urban design

**Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA**

**Bachelor of Architecture, 2003.**

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**Registered Architect, 2008.** License to practice architecture in Washington, DC.