



Sidney Wong, Ph.D.

Senior Advisor

Experience

Dr. Wong has over twenty years in planning practices, with experiences in enterprise zones, highway planning history, affordable housing, and fiscal impact studies. In 2007, he was the team lead with ESI in preparing the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing Round III growth allocation. He has teamed up with ESI again in 2015 on New Jersey affordable housing. In addition, he is an active consultant, with fiscal impact analyses, and housing and employment forecasts.

ESI and Dr. Wong share a strong interest in Asian development. Apart from his involvement in World Bank's Asian projects, he was a planner in the Hong Kong, where he contributed to urban redevelopment, zoning control and the METROPLAN. He still maintains a professional tie in Hong Kong, serving as an honorary editor for the Journal of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners.

Professional, Corporate, Civic Leadership

Sidney Wong is the project lead of Community Data Analytic on developing demographic multipliers, a critical element of impact analysis. He recently worked as World Bank senior consultant in evaluating Project Appraisal Documents and as their consultant in the 1990s. He has served in the Executive Committee of the American Planning Association (Maryland Chapter), and the project manager for the Pennytown Development Fiscal Impact Study for Hopewell, NJ.

He was a member of the Society for American City and Regional Planning History, the International Association for China Planning, and the American Planning Association, and the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Additional Experience

Dr. Wong is a former planning professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Morgan State University, and taught graduate courses, including Planning Methods, Statistics, Program Evaluation, Urban Economics, Neighborhood and Community Development. His research consists of demographic multipliers, fiscal impact, freeway revolt and community development, Clarence Stein's influence on China, and Chinese planning history relating to Charlie Chen and Liang Sicheng.

He has authored many publications, including "Searching for a Modern and Humanistic Planning in China—The Planning Ideas of Liang Sicheng (1930-1952)" in the Journal of Architecture and Planning Research and "Architects and Planners in the Middle of a Road War" in the Journal of Planning History. His doctoral dissertation on assessing the performance of enterprise zone programs in five states won the 1998 Best Doctoral Planning Dissertation in North America awarded by the Association of Collegiate of Schools of Planning.

Areas of Expertise

Fiscal Impact Analysis

Demographic Multipliers

Urban Economics

Planning

Education

Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley

Master in Town Planning, University of Wales, Cardiff

Master in Urban Studies, University of Hong Kong

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