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Mitchell Silver is the Director of the Department of City Planning in Raleigh, NC. Mitchell is an award-winning planner with over 24 years of planning experience. He is nationally recognized for his leadership in the planning profession and his contributions to contemporary planning issues. He specializes in comprehensive planning, land use planning and implementation strategies. Before coming to Raleigh in 2005, Mitchell had worked as policy and planning director in New York City, a principal of a New York City-based planning firm, a town manager in New Jersey and deputy planning director in Washington, DC.

In his 24 years of practice, Mitchell has worked in over 50 jurisdictions. He lectures extensively throughout the United States on a variety of planning topics and he is a contributing author and editor of the ICMA's latest edition of "*Local Planning: Contemporary Principles and Practice*," which is a resource for local governments engaged in planning. Known by his colleagues as a creative thinker, problem-solver and visionary leader, Mitchell has been at the center of many cutting edge trends, innovative solutions and visionary plans, including Harlem on the River, Vision for Jamaica Center and the revitalization of neighborhoods in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC. As planning director in Raleigh, he is leading the comprehensive plan update process to create a vibrant 21st century city. Since coming to Raleigh in 2005, Mitchell has been an outspoken advocate to transform Raleigh to a world class city with a modern transit system and great streets, great places and great neighborhoods.

Mitchell is an officer of the American Planning Association (APA) and a member on the Board of Directors of APA. He has served as President of the New York Metro Chapter of APA. He is also a member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and serves on the Executive Committee of the Triangle Council of ULI. He has taught graduate planning courses at Hunter College, Brooklyn College, Pratt Institute and NC State University and has written many articles on a variety of planning topics. Mitchell was born in Brooklyn, New York. He received a Bachelors Degree in Architecture from Pratt Institute and a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from Hunter College. He is licensed as a professional planner in New Jersey and certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners.