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of the country's most advanced design and technical tools for the control of the physical environment. A whole new body of creative zoning law and imaginative special districts recognize New York's unique character and assets. Development is being guided with an equal emphasis on economic pragmatism and environmental quality.

This is one record, and one performance, for which the next administration need project no changes. More of the same would be the best policy. To help insure it, the vacant seat currently on the City Planning Commission should be filled immediately by Mayor Lindsay, before the scramble for spoils begins.

More than ever before, the Commission needs the kind of professional expertise that can deal with the highly specialized and sophisticated standards of urban design on which current planning rests. The continuation of those standards, so important to the future of New York, can be aided immeasurably by the right appointment now.

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When New York fails, it fails spectacularly, and when it succeeds, no one pays very much attention. One area in which the Lindsay administration has been setting exceptional standards of achievement is planning, a subject of little political sex appeal but enormous impact. In recent years, this city has initiated the use of some