Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

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Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a set of design principles used to discourage crime. The concept is simple: Buildings and properties are designed to prevent damage from the force of the elements and natural disasters, and more recently to promote occupant wellbeing; they can also be designed to mitigate crime.

Ms. Márquez was born and raised in San Juan Puerto Rico, and moved to the US to go to college. She received her Bachelors of Architecture degree from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. Following graduation, she worked at several small firms in Brooklyn and Manhattan. She and her husband, Joel André, moved to Virginia in 1987. They started Andre + Marquez Architects in 1993. Their office specializes in Commercial and Government work.

Ms. Márquez is licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia to practice Architecture, and is also certified as a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Professional. She recently completed the Safety Assessment ProgramEvaluator Training to assist local governments in safety evaluations of their built environment in the aftermath of a disaster.

She is involved with the HR Chamber, and was appointed to the Chamber’s Norfolk Board and co-chair of the Economic Development Committee. She is also active in the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and was recently appointed by the Norfolk City Council to the Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. She is an active member of St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Portsmouth where she volunteers in different capacities. Ms. Márquez received an MA in Biblical Studies from Regent University in 1992.

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