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### The Soul of the City

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- Maurice Cox is a renowned American architect, urban designer, educator, and civic leader
- This book is the first to present and discuss Maurice Cox's multifaceted achievements in the fields of architecture and urban design, academia, and public service
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Maurice Cox, architect, urban designer, educator, and civic leader, has for more than three decades been working tirelessly to regenerate American cities through the lens of social justice and design excellence. He does so against considerable odds while achieving remarkable economic and social results. As a visionary leader in cities across America and beyond, Cox has occupied diverse roles ranging from Professor and City Commissioner to Mayor.

This book is the first to present and discuss his multifaceted achievements to a diverse audience of academics, community leaders and professionals. Its seven chapters, focused chronologically on cities in which he lived and operated, consist in a series of interviews with Cox and collaborators with the stated goal of identifying recurring concepts and strategies. Additionally, these scenarios are presented against the background of changing discourse and practice of regenerative approaches to American cities.

Combining archival materials, including Cox's personal sketch-books, with period and contemporary photography, this volume sheds light on the complex process associated with redrawing the city, from New York and Florence to Detroit and Chicago. It provides hope and guidance for future generations who seek to continue in the that approach so fearlessly spearhead by Maurice Cox.

**Maurice Cox** is the Emma Bloomberg Professor in Residence of Urban Planning and Design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. An architect, urban planner, educator, and civic leader, he served as Commissioner of Planning and Development for the City of Chicago, as Director of Planning and Development for Detroit, and as Mayor of Charlottesville, VA. **Maria Villalobos Hernandez** is an Associate Professor and Director of the Master in Landscape Architecture and Urbanism at IIT in Chicago. **Michelangelo Sabatino** is an architectural historian, curator, and preservationist and a Professor of Architectural History and Heritage at IIT in Chicago.