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The Urban Growth Machine Andrew E. G. Jonas, David Wilson, 1999-08-12 Harvey Molotch's city as a growth machine thesis is one of the most influential approaches to the analysis of urban politics and local economic development in the United States. However, the nature and context of urban politics have changed considerably since the growth machine thesis was first proposed more than twenty years ago, and recent attempts to apply it to settings outside the U.S. have revealed conceptual and empirical limitations. This book offers a unique critical assessment of the contribution of the growth machine thesis to research in urban political economy. Written from an interdisciplinary and international perspective, it brings together leading urban studies scholars. These contributors explore three organizing themes: urban growth discourse and ideology; new dimensions of urban politics and the growth machine in comparative perspective; and the focus for the critical examinations of the growth machine thesis, but also offer exciting new ways of thinking about and researching urban politics and local economic development. As Harvey Molotch himself notes in this book's concluding chapter, "The growth machine idea makes a substantive argument about the empirical substance of U.S. urban regimes. It asserts that virtually every city and state government is a growth machine and long has been. It asserts that this puts localities in chronic competition with one another in ways that harm the vast majority of their citizens as well as their environments. It anticipates an ideological structure that naturalizes growth goals as a background assumption of civic life. In a social science realm where successful empirical generalizations have been few, the growth machine idea robustly and usefully describes reality." Contributors include Thabit Abu-Rass, Keith Bassett, Mark Boyle, Allan Cochrane, Kevin R. Cox, Kyle Crowder, Melissa R. Gilbert, Bob Jessop, Andrew Kirby, Mickey Lauria, Helga Leitner, John R. Logan, Harvey Molotch, Jamie Peck, Stephanie Pincetl, Eric Sheppard, John Rennie Short, Adam Tickell, Rachel Bridges Whaley, and Andrew Wood.

The Urban Growth Machine Andrew E. G. Jonas, David Wilson, 1999-08-12 Two decades after Harvey Molotch's city as a growth machine, this book offers a unique critical assessment of his thesis.

The Urban Growth Machine, 1999 *Challenging the Growth Machine* Barbara Ferman, 1996 A major theoretical contribution that will reshape how we think about city politics. Definitely a path breaker. Clarence Stone, author of *Regime Politics: Governing Atlanta, 1946-1988*. Ferman views urban politics from the streets of the city's neighborhoods. The result is a vivid picture that opens up possibilities for the revival of progressive urban policy and the flowering of democratic civic action. Todd Swanstrom, author of *The Crisis of Growth Politics*.

Re-forming the Growth Machine Kee Robert Warner, 1992 *Growth Machine Theory and Urban Political Decline*

Michael Eric Samers, 1991 **The "growth Machine" Reconsidered** Michael D. Goodman, 2000 **Selling the City** Lee M. A. Simpson, 2004 Between 1880 and 1940 California cities were in the vanguard in creating comprehensive city plans and zoning ordinances that came to characterize modern American city growth. This book reveals the means by which property-owning middle class women achieved entry into the male-dominated sphere of urban planning. It suggests that women in

California were not excluded from public life. Instead they embraced the middle class ideology of propertied self interest and participated to the fullest extent possible in the urban struggle for regional dominance that shaped this period of western history. Likewise as urban historians have presented this story as essentially male this work suggests that although California's urban elite often maintained a division of labor along traditional gender lines they clearly worked in a cross gender alliance to shape a regional identity based on a commitment to urban growth.

Place Matters Peter Dreier, John H. Mollenkopf, Todd Swanstrom, 2001. The central thesis of *Place Matters* is that economic segregation between rich and poor and the growing sprawl of American cities and suburbs are not solely the result of individual choices in free markets. Rather these problems have been powerfully shaped by short sighted government policies.

Urban Fortunes: the Political Economy of Place J. LOGAN, 1987

Governance by Decree Ruth P. Morgan, 2004. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 which originally was intended to prohibit barriers to black registration and voting has been hailed as a triumph for civil rights and as a catalyst for the election of minorities to public office in both the Deep South and the urban North. To advance its objective federal courts instructed many cities to change from at large to single member district electoral systems as a way to ensure that minorities had a reasonable chance to elect representatives of their choice. In the first book to critique the implementation of this landmark legislation in a major American city Ruth Morgan examines its effect on local governance over forty years in Dallas and shows that it had unintended consequences for racial politics representation and public policy. Breaking from studies that measure the success of the VRA in terms of increased minority representation Morgan assesses the consequences of the Act for Dallas city government and for the wider interests of minorities as well. While endorsing the original intent of the VRA Morgan believes that this intent was subverted by subsequent amendments to the Act and by the courts attempts to advance the political standing of particular minority groups. She argues that court imposed single member districts have created in Dallas a city council infected with parochialism and careerism a result of members no longer having to compromise to win citywide votes and have had an adverse impact on governmental effectiveness and voter turnout. With corruption and cronyism now rampant voting rights legislation and litigation have ultimately failed to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the unempowered and the district system has created an incentive for continued racial separation. *Governance by Decree* offers a pointed assessment of the complexities and contradictions produced by the voting rights law while at the same time calling for the federal judiciary to exercise restraint in imposing its will when it lacks the capacity to make choices that are inherently political. Morgan's powerfully argued case study should inspire much debate and inform forthcoming congressional deliberations over the renewal of the preclearance section of the VRA in 2007.

"P3s", Urban Growth Machines, and the Glass City Curtis Alan Deeter, 2018. As the landscape of 21st Century Rustbelt cities continues to change city leaders are faced with important decisions on how to manage these changes. For some growth is the most viable option. For others especially those with a declining population and diminishing infrastructure growth is out of the question. This paper will

attempt to analyze the growth politics of Toledo Ohio utilizing the Urban Growth Machine theory and public private partnerships as the framework One such partnership the Toledo 22nd Century Committee will be the focus for the analysis Census data real estate data provided by a local real estate development agency newspaper articles and qualitative analysis using MaxQDA will work in tangent with key member interviews to answer the underlying research question do the public private partnerships in the city of Toledo fit the model of an emerging growth machine If so what sort of impact might this have on future revitalization efforts

The City Builders Susan S. Fainstein,2001 This revised edition examines major redevelopment efforts in New York and London to uncover the forces behind these investment cycles and the role that public policy can play in moderating market instability It chronicles the progress of three development projects in New York and three in London

Reconstructing Times Square Alexander J. Reichl,1999 When the big ball drops on New Year s Eve thousands are there to witness that great glittering sight while millions more watch on national television Times Square may be the cultural hub of America the Crossroads of the World but its lights have not always shone as brightly as they do now Once a glamorous theater district Times Square and 42nd Street had degenerated into a neighborhood known for the winos and sex shops of Midnight Cowboy until New York s business and arts communities stepped in These advocates of urban revitalization exploited cultural and historic preservation arguments to transform a low income entertainment district into a Disney fied tourist mecca Where Ratso Rizzo once kicked cars and hookers plied their trade Mickey Mouse now greets visitors from atop a Disney superstore surrounded by rising office towers theaters and theme restaurants all thanks to huge tax subsidies and government support Alexander Reichl tells the fascinating story of how cultural politics and economic greed transformed the city s physical and social environment with an ongoing multibillion dollar redevelopment program changing the district from a symbol of urban decline to one of urban renaissance He explains the political significance of the historic preservation and arts related approach to urban revitalization showing how it was used to appeal to the upscale values of middle class New Yorkers often hostile to urban renewal He also examines the role of the Walt Disney Company in the project and demonstrates its power to redefine a premier public space In telling the story of Times Square Reichl reveals much about politics and power at the city level and their relationship to the development of urban space He frames his lively narrative with an illuminating account of how historic preservation initiatives at all government levels have displaced large scale federal urban renewal programs as the dominant approach to urban development and he shows the importance of political discourse and cultural politics in mobilizing public support for urban redevelopment Now that it has been reconfigured for the 21st century Times Square provides a rich and multifaceted case for exploring the latest trends in urban renewal Yet Reichl suggests much that has happened here is regrettable the ousting of low income citizens to serve commercial interests the loss of a culturally diverse entertainment district and the failure to address persistent class and race based segregation in a central urban area By getting to the heart of the Great White Way Reconstructing Times Square

provides an important look at urban renewal and politics in a changing America The Politics of Plant Closings John Portz, 1990 A paper reprint of the 1988 original It is a political history that describes and analyzes the management of organized knowledge Wheatley takes Flexner and the Carnegie Foundation of 1910 as the model Portz political science Northeastern U combines a synthesis of the literature on urban politics and political economy with a close analysis of plant closings in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Louisville Kentucky and Waterloo Iowa to illuminate the complexity of constraints upon and range of local government efforts to control the economic damage caused by shutdowns Paper edition unseen 12 95 Annotation copyrighted by Book News Inc Portland OR Urban Management Studies in the Urban Regeneration Context Alireza Jafari, Fatemeh Heidari, 2017-10-09 Document from the year 2017 in the subject Urban and Regional Planning grade PhD Islamic Azad University language English abstract Urban waterfront regeneration started in the 1960s in the US spread widely during the 1970s and 1980s throughout North America in the following decades it became a key factor in inner city redevelopment in Europe Jauhiainen 1995 It reflects efforts in various cities around the world to transform the de industrialized derelict urban spaces of late twentieth century capitalism in such a way that these respond to the newly rising demands of the global economy and thus once again emerge as attractive sites for different groups Merrifield 1993 Feldman 2000 In physical terms urban waterfront regeneration often involves a transition from former centers of industrial production with warehouses and manufacturing establishments to places with promenades shopping complexes luxurious residences gentrified neighborhoods office towers and the like In this respect urban waterfront regeneration can be situated within the broader theoretical framework that focuses on multiple processes of globalization and its impact on the urban space More specifically this phenomenon can be examined within a context of growing intercity competition of intense efforts to market cities and push them up in the global urban hierarchy Hence the very same analytical lenses used for the examination of efforts to host mega events e g Gotham 2002 Carmichael 2002 Owen 2002 promote urban tourism e g Mullins 1991 Whitson and Macintosh 1996 Law 2002 or create various urban imaging strategies Chang 1999 Waitt 1999 and the like can be employed to elucidate the case of urban waterfront regeneration as well What makes the latter special and also perhaps explains the reason why a large segment of the relevant literature focuses on this subject has to do with the fact that first due to previous port related and industrial activity the process of de industrialization often has its most visible impact in these areas Marshall 2001 and second due to their proximity to water and often also to historic city centers these locations are especially suitable to satisfy the newly rising demands of global capital and its managerial elite **Public Opinions about Economic Development Options** David Scott, 1991 From Gay Street to Turkey Creek, 2007 Using growth machine theory this study examines the newly built lifestyle center of the suburban Turkey Creek development and the redevelopment of the Gay Street corridor in downtown Knoxville TN Growth machine theory is one of sociology s predominant theories used to understand development and growth projects in metropolitan areas and although not

specifically defined in current literature I suggest there are many differences in suburban and urban growth machines This study examines the local dependency and organization of pro growth coalitions the tactics ideology and culture used to promote development projects and community reactions Upon completion of this project I found that urban and suburban growth machines differed in local dependency and level of community opposition but utilized similar tactics ideology and culture Furthermore several themes emerged at the conclusion of this project the attempts to structure social life around retail centers suburbanization and the increasing influence of growth language in everyday life the further impact increasing pro growth coalition influence

Zoning and Planning Law Handbook ,2003 *The Politics of Urban Development*
Clarence Nathan Stone,Heywood T. Sanders,1987

In the past twenty years the study of urban politics has shifted from a predominant concern with political culture and ethos to a preoccupation with political economy particularly that of urban development Urban scholars have come to recognize that cities are shaped by forces beyond their boundaries From that focus have emerged the views that cities are clearly engaged in economic competition that market processes are shaped by national policy decisions sometimes intentionally and sometimes inadvertently and that the costs and benefits of economic growth are unevenly distributed But what else needs to be said about the policies and politics of urban development To supplement prevailing theories *The Politics of Urban Development* argues that the role of local actors in making development decisions merits closer study Whatever the structural constraints politics still matters Collectively the essays provide ample evidence that local government officials and other community actors do not simply follow the imperatives that derive from the national political economy they are able to assert a significant degree of influence over the shared destiny of an urban population The impact of the collection is to heighten awareness of local political practices and of how and why they make a difference

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