



JINA MELYN PORTER

Planning Consultant and American Sign Language Interpreter

Jina is a planning consultant who has worked with urban and rural municipalities, community groups and non-profits and has facilitated multiple community engagement and visioning sessions. Her expertise in planning for disasters builds upon her thesis research on rural communities' ability to mitigate the effects of natural disasters. Jina continues to work with the town of Woodbury Connecticut in an ongoing capacity to increase their resilience in the face of changing climate, disaster and emergency scenarios. Jina has been an advocate for disability rights for over 20 years and is a nationally certified American Sign Language – English interpreter with more than 15 years of experience

EXPERIENCE

Collective for Community, Culture, and Environment (CCCE)

City of Stamford, CT

Stamford South End Neighborhood Study: a participatory plan with zoning, historic preservation, affordable housing, urban design, landscape, retail and infrastructure recommendations.
(with LOA, Level & PennPraxis)

Prospect Park E. Network & the Prospect Lefferts Gardens Neighb'd Association: Neighborhood Research and Community Engagement Technical Assistance Project (with Pratt SAVI)

East New York Coalition for Community Advancement:

East New York Neighborhood Rezoning Community Plan
(with Pratt Center, ANHD, UJC, Hester St, and BLSC)

EXPERIENCE

Private Consultant - Selected Clients

Town of Woodbury, CERT

Workshop on Working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals
Woodbury, Connecticut

Town of Woodbury, CT

Emergency Management Department
Disaster/Emergency Resilience Plan
Woodbury, Connecticut

Gowanus, Warren Street, Atlantic Terminal Houses and Wyckoff Gardens, Brooklyn

Investing in Public Housing, Visioning

Manhattan Valley

Community Engagement and Visioning

EDUCATION

M.S. City and Regional Planning, Pratt Institute

B.S. American Sign Language – English Interpreting and Theater, Northeastern University

REGISTRATIONS

Nationally Certified American Sign Language Interpreter, CI/CT

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association
Planners Network
National Association of the Deaf
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

**Projects based in NYC unless otherwise noted*