

## ABOUT DAVID RUSK

“David Rusk is the hottest urban expert in the nation today,” the Baltimore Sun commented in reviewing *Baltimore Unbound*. *Cities without Suburbs*, the Congressional Quarterly wrote, has virtually become the Bible of the regionalism movement.” The Government Finance Review called Rusk’s most recent book, *Inside Game/Outside Game*, “a must-read for all practicing local government officials, elected or appointed, working in a metropolitan area.”

Rusk combines strong analytical skills with practical political experience. He is a former federal official, New Mexico legislator (1975-77) and mayor of Albuquerque (1977-81), the USA’s 36<sup>th</sup> largest city.

Rusk is now an independent consultant on urban and suburban policy. Since 1993 he has spoken and consulted in over 120 US communities. Abroad, Rusk has lectured on urban problems in England; Berlin, Stuttgart, and Frankfurt, Germany; and in Toronto and Victoria, Canada. In 1997 he served as an advisor to the government of South Africa on metropolitan governance in Johannesburg, Capetown, and Durban. During 2000 he was a visiting professor at the University of Amsterdam and Delft Technical University in The Netherlands.

Rusk attended the University of California at Berkeley, graduating Phi Beta Kappa as the outstanding undergraduate student in economics (1962). From 1963-68 he was a full-time civil rights and anti-poverty worker with the Washington Urban League. He then entered the U.S. Department of Labor, serving as the Manpower Administration’s legislative and program development director. In 1971 he and his wife, the former Delcia Bence of Buenos Aires, Argentina, moved to Albuquerque, where they raised their three children. They now live in Washington, DC.