

# Louisville

Peer Exchange Panel

October 2017

Equitable Economic  
Development  
Fellowship



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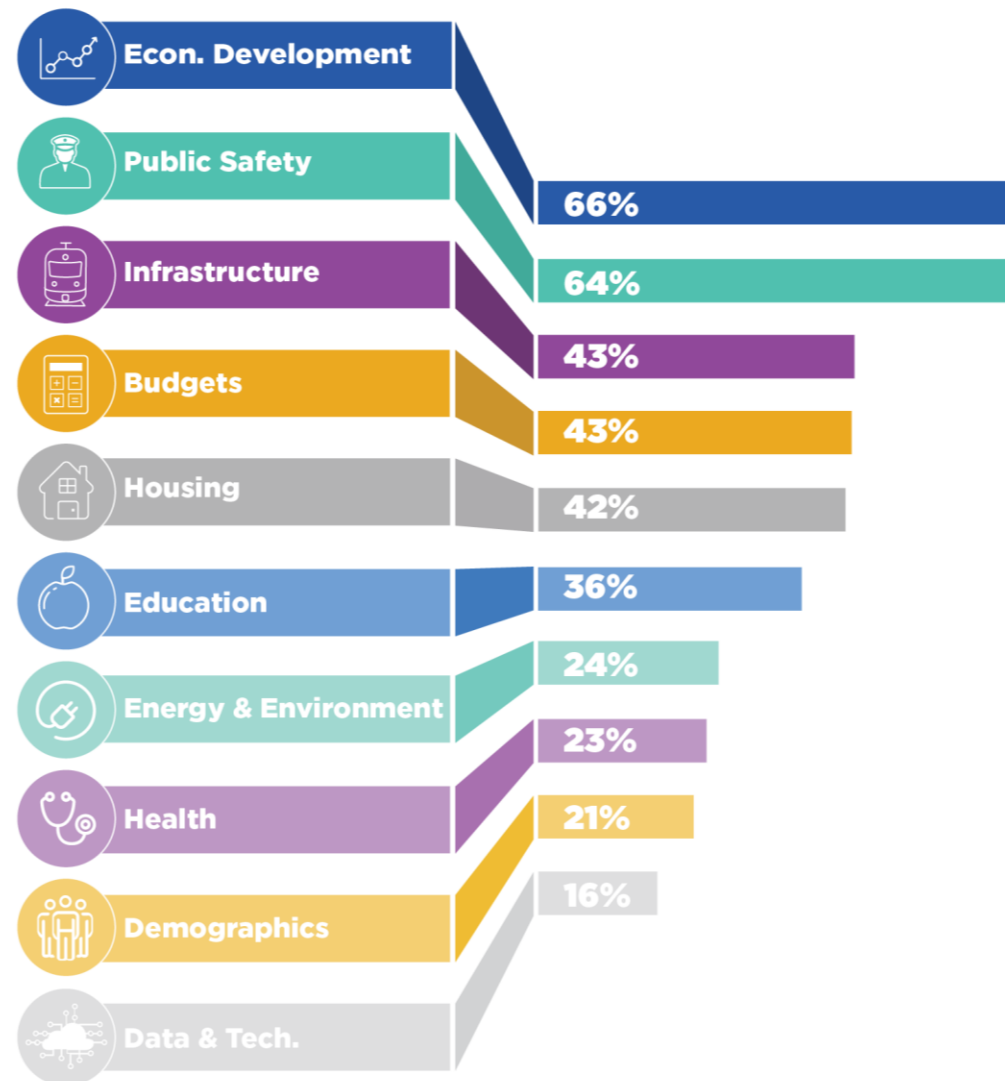


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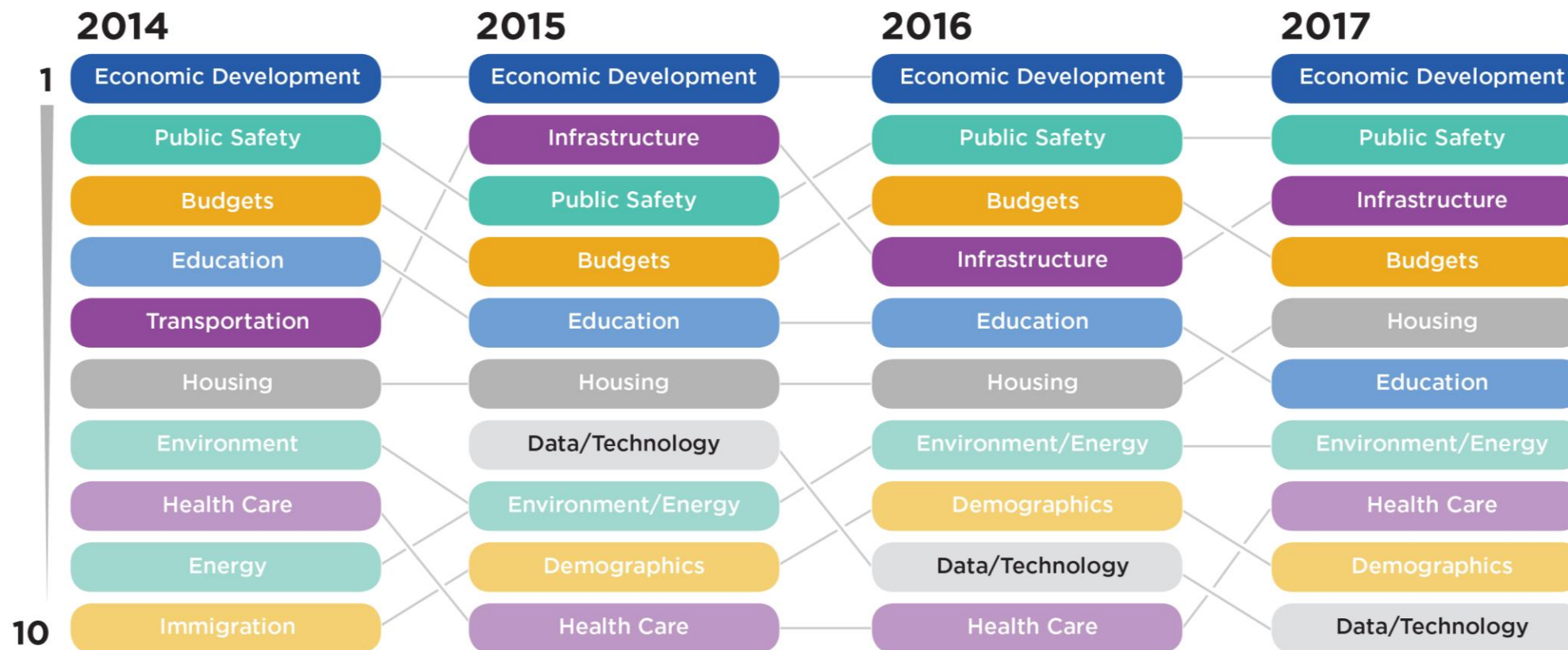


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## Top TEN ISSUES

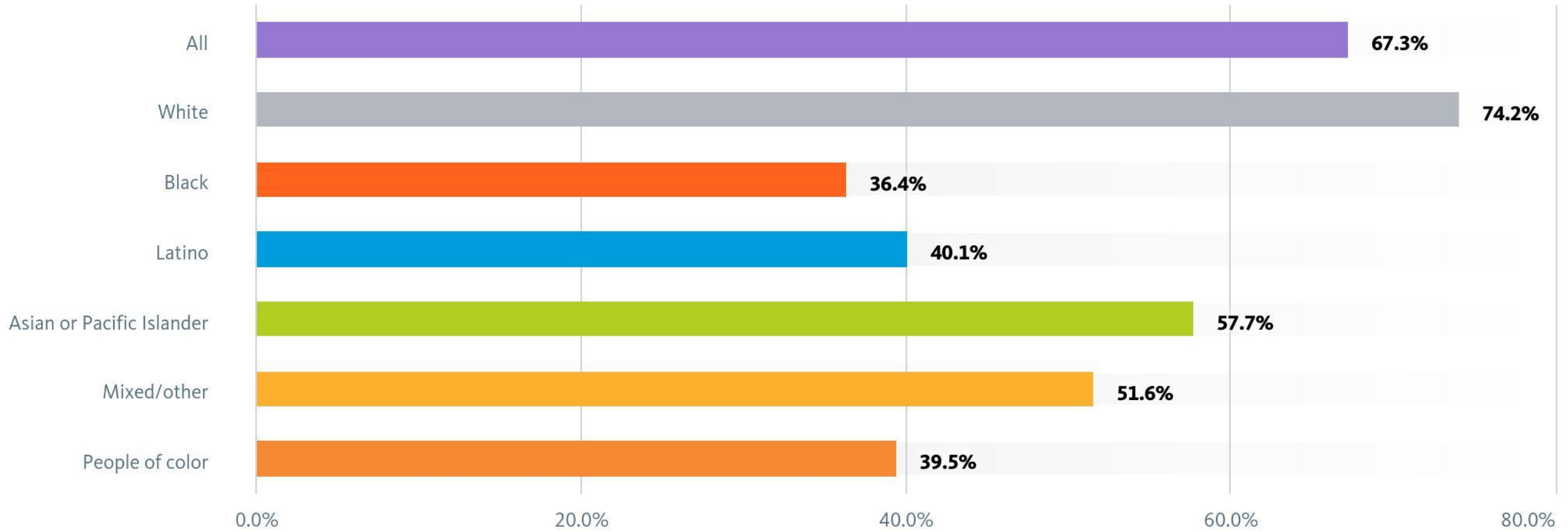


## Top 10 issues over the last four years



# Equitable Economy: The Challenge

Percent owner-occupied households by race/ethnicity: Louisville, KY-IN Metro Area, 2014

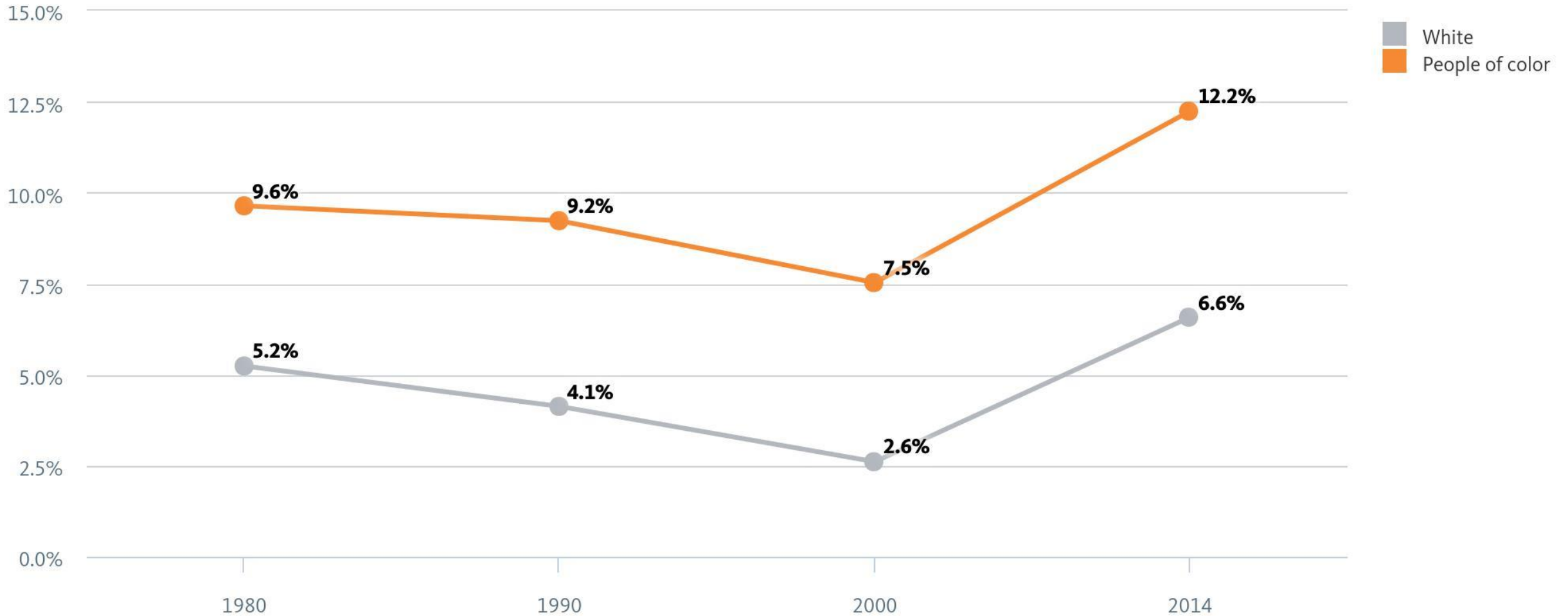


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# Equitable Economy: The Challenge

Unemployment rate by race/ethnicity: Louisville, KY-IN Metro Area, 1980-2014





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# What is Equitable Economic Development?

- Unlocks the full potential of the local economy by dismantling barriers and expanding opportunities for low-income people and communities of color.
- Through accountable public action and investment, it grows quality jobs and increases entrepreneurship, ownership, and wealth.
- The result is a stronger, more competitive city.

Definition developed by:  
the EED Fellows in 2016

# Problem Statement



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How can the City create a culture of entrepreneurship in Parkland and Russell and connect entrepreneurs in these neighborhoods to the broader regional economy?

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How can the City foster and expand social, professional and economic networks that make new and existing businesses successful?





# The Panel



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- **Harold Pettigrew, Jr.**, Executive Director, Washington Area Community Investment Fund, Washington, D.C. (Chair)
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- **Darrene Hackler**, Consultant, City of Sacramento, CA
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## Presentation Outline

1. **General Observations**
2. Knowledge Capital: Capacity Building and Encouraging Culture
3. Network Capital: Supportive Environment and Market Opportunities
4. City Assets and Regulatory Environment
5. Conclusions & Homework

# General Observations



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- Strong leadership from Mayor Fischer and city government on revitalizing the Russell and Parkland neighborhoods
- Major challenges within the neighborhoods, including high levels of poverty, below average literacy rates, vacant properties, and lack of public investment in basic goods and services
- Opportunities to expand capacity in Russell and Parkland in terms of job creation, transportation networks and connectivity, entrepreneurship, and homeownership among local residents to build community wealth
- Highly engaged group of stakeholders looking to create a better and more equitable future for Parkland and Russell
- Deep networks and committed neighborhood residents with pride in their communities

# Opportunities



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- Talented and engaged city government staff who are committed to improving economic outcomes of Russell and Parkland
- Strong framework of city services in place with the opportunity to scale and to develop new programs specifically for Parkland and Russell
- Baseline health data to analyze trends and evaluate impact of programs
- City's effort to leverage external resources and support to drive change in West Louisville's communities
- Ensure the opportunities provided through cradle to career initiative are intentionally targeted to Russell and Parkland neighborhoods
- Cultivate a culture of neighborhood ambassadors to champion community engagement and progress
- Leverage and celebrate the historical, cultural and business legacy
- Build off of established compliment of strategic plans

# Challenges



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- Limited funding and staff resources to fully execute established plans, deliver business services and introduce new approaches
- Inadequate efforts to effectively market and communicate existing business resources
- Silos in government have resulted in fragmented delivery of business services
- Limited city government structure for neighborhood level community engagement and capacity building
- Development goals do not align with current market realities (e.g. vacant properties, overall community perception, and safety)



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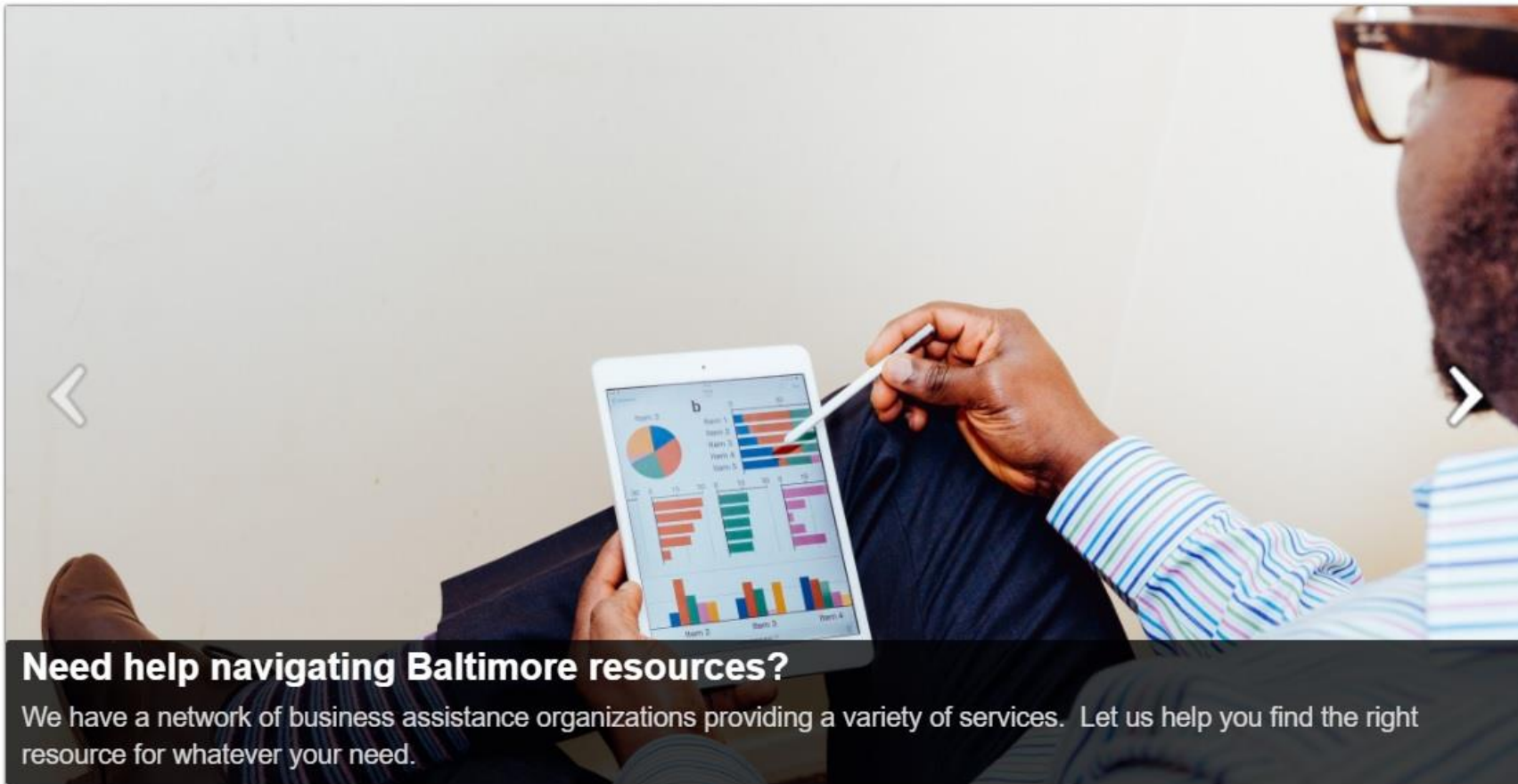
# Develop a Communication Strategy

- Create a marketing campaign to highlight existing businesses and foster entrepreneurship in Russell and Parkland neighborhoods
- Celebrate historical cultural significance of Walnut Street in Russell and 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Dumesnil Street in Parkland through branding initiative
- Encourage collaboration with City's Public Art Administrator to curate temporary art installations that highlight historical relevance in Parkland and Russell business districts
- Regularly convene nonprofits, business associations, service and resource providers to collect and disseminate information to businesses
- Develop an online tool for entrepreneurs to identify service providers and resources (Sourcelink; Locally Austin)
- Encourage neighborhood level communication that broadcasts information locally, statewide, and nationally
- Utilize existing radio outlets as well as develop other media to communicate business and entrepreneurial opportunities during events, festivals, and conferences



*FOURTH AVENUE, LOOKING NORTH FROM WALNUT STREET.*

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## Need help navigating Baltimore resources?

We have a network of business assistance organizations providing a variety of services. Let us help you find the right resource for whatever your need.



### Connect to Resources:

*There are 80 providers waiting to help!*

#### Area of Assistance

#### Specific Need

#### Zip Code or City, State

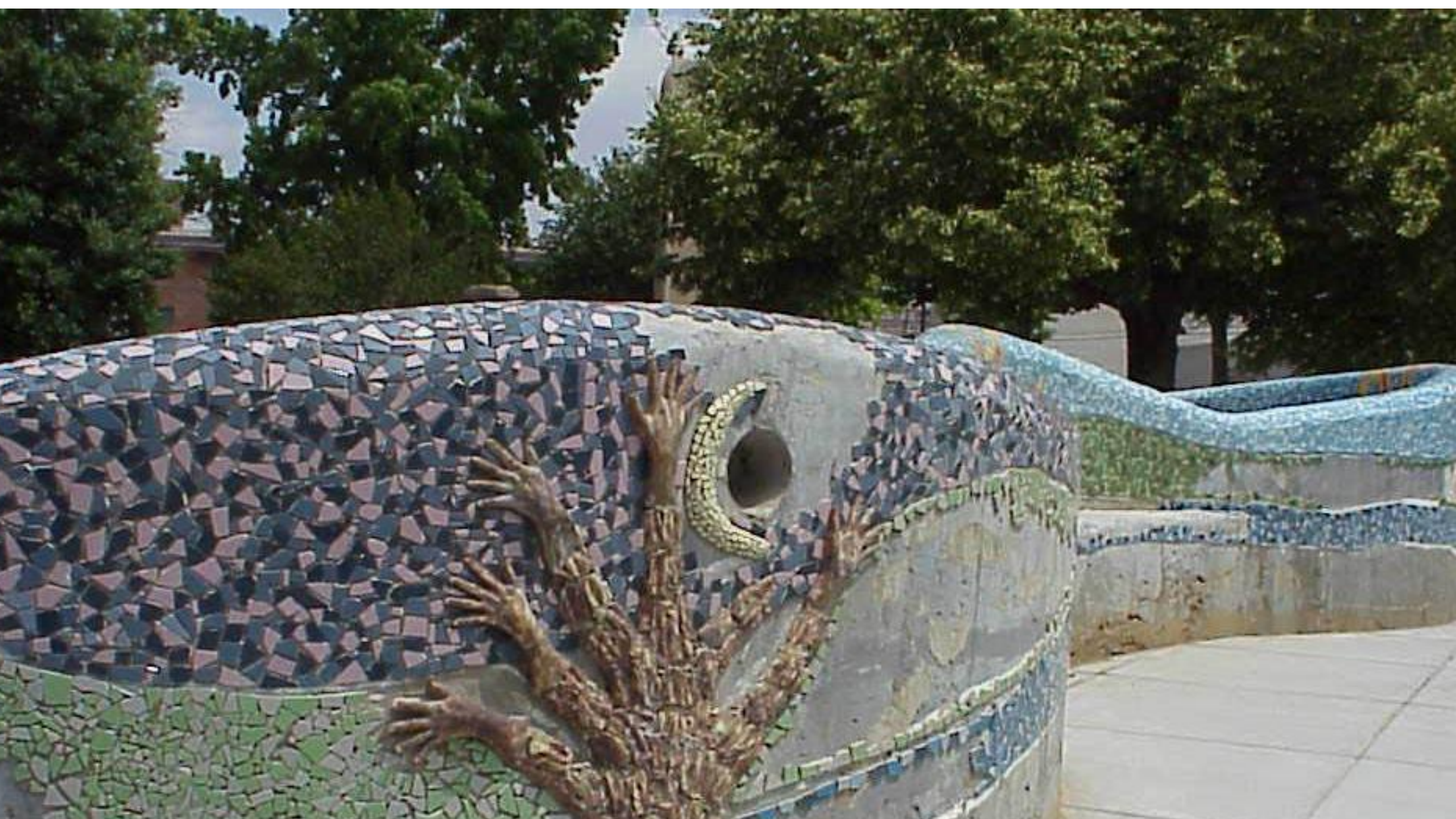
#### Business Stage

#### Industry



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≡ GET THE LOCAL EXPERIENCE & SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS ≡



# Coordinate Government Small Business Services to Strengthen Impact of Service Delivery

- Establish regular intradepartmental meetings within Louisville Forward to identify opportunities and any overlap within departments
- Map small business resources provided by Louisville Forward to understand what is being delivered and who is being served

# Develop Small Business Services for Entrepreneurs

- Foster a network of culturally sensitive entrepreneurs that encourages an exchange of ideas and experiences
- Identify central hub for entrepreneurial networking and co-working to foster new and existing businesses, but not marketplace (Think Kentucky- EKV)
- Establish resources to assist existing businesses expand into Parkland and Russell neighborhoods (Motor City Match)
- Develop resources that help assist businesses at every level of the business cycle (continuum of services)



## 2 TRACKS TO APPLY

### BUILDING OWNER



This track is for Detroit building owners looking to lease vacant space to a quality business—whether you are just starting the search or starting renovations for a new tenant. If you have a vision, we'll help you build it.

[Tell Me More](#)

### BUSINESS OWNER



This track is for businesses looking for quality real estate opportunities, so they can start or expand in Detroit. Whether you have the next great business idea and are looking for a place to make it happen, or you've recently signed a lease and started building your dream, we'll help you do it in Detroit.

[Tell Me More](#)

## MOTOR CITY MATCH IMPACT-TO-DATE

763

Businesses Served

310

Spaces

2.5M

Real Estate SF

\$3.9M

Grants

\$24M

Leveraged



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# Develop Small Developers Programs

- Create Developer's College (technical assistance and capacity building, mentorship)
- Identify development ready properties
- Develop new capital products to support property acquisition, pre-development, construction and other development phases
- Leverage vacant property inventory for infill development with small developers
- Case studies: Milwaukee Commercial Revitalization Ownership Project, Detroit Developers of Color Program



Commercial Revitalization Ownership Project

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# Government Contracting: Create Intentional Equity



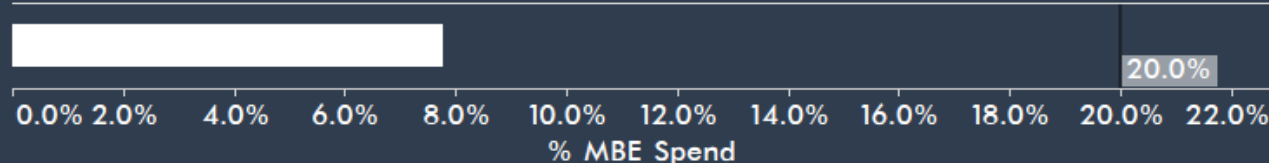
# Government Contracting: Create Intentional Equity

- Shift good faith efforts to performance targets (15% MBE, 5% WBE, 0.5% Disabled)
- Tie performance targets to staff evaluations based on utilization rates
- Publish goals & results → Transparency
- Incentivize procuring goods and services from Parkland & Russell (or West Louisville) businesses by adding preference points
- Identify frequency & how utilization will be monitored
- Unbundle larger contracts, increases competitiveness
- Streamline certification process to promote inclusion of small business. Increase outreach to small businesses (e.g. leverage relationships with faith-based organizations - train the trainer)

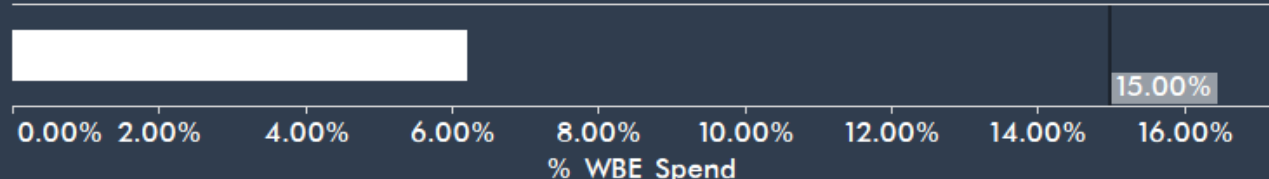
# Vendor Diversity Executive Order Dashboard

## Progress Toward Executive Order Targets

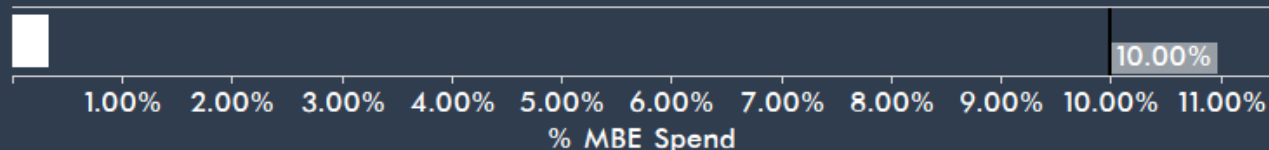
Percent MBE Spend (A&E)



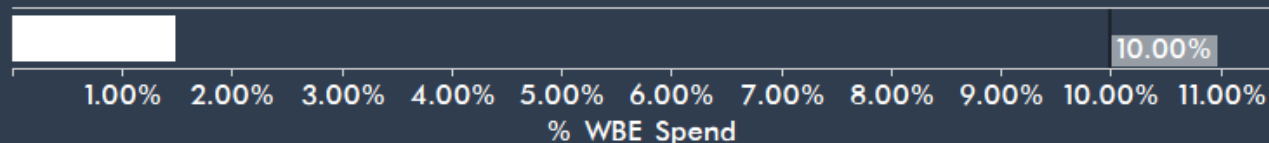
Percent WBE Spend (A&E)



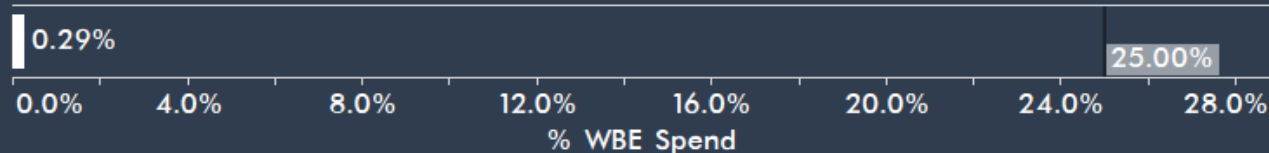
Percent MBE Spend (Construction)



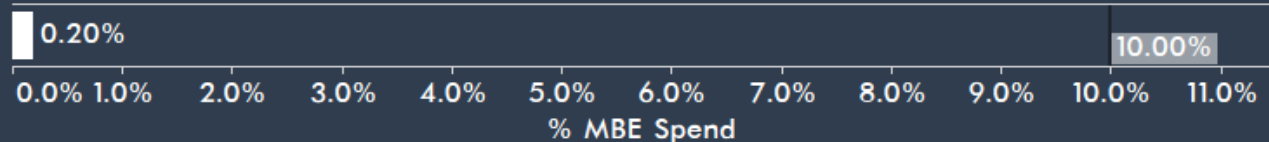
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Percent WBE Spend (PS)



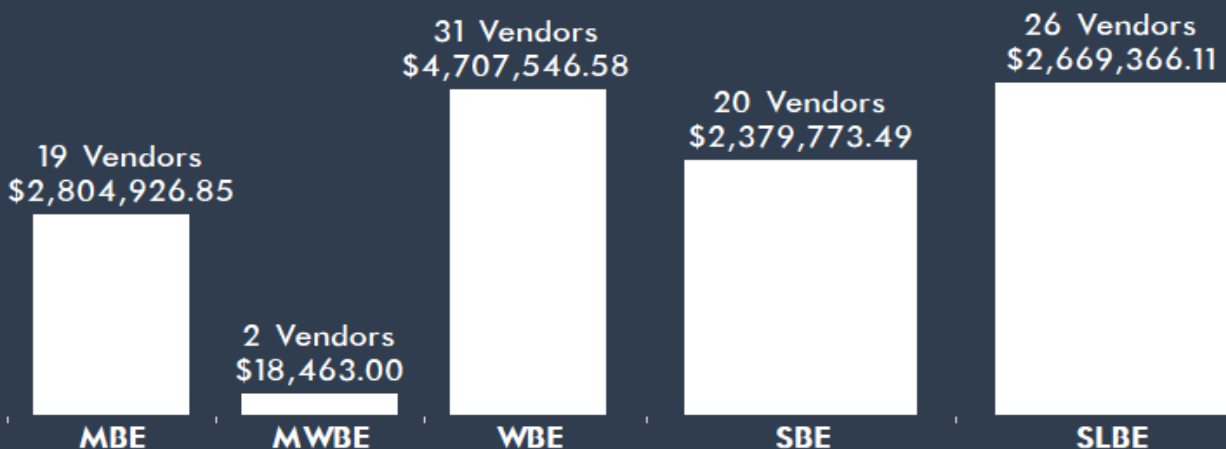
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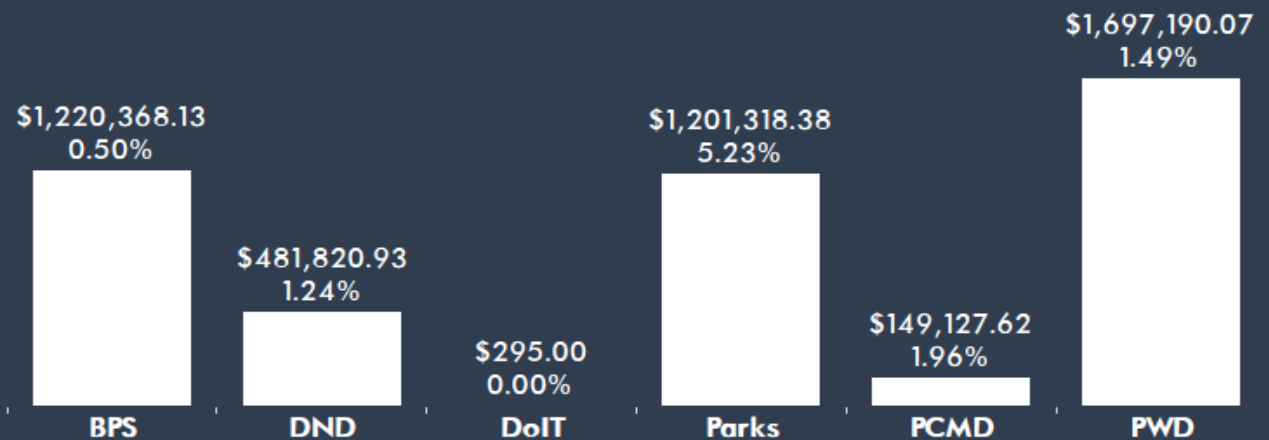
## Citywide Statistics

Total Spend	All MWBE Spend	Total MWBE Vendors Paid
\$622,048,488.78	\$7,530,936.43	66

## Spend by Vendor Type



## Spend by Department



# Vacant Spaces & City-Owned Properties

**Pilot activation to promote community engagement:**

- Promote entrepreneurship and small business and community empowerment.
- Identify anchor locations and community champions.
  - Example: Parkland Integrity Unit/Old Grocery building
  - Utilize parking lot, indoor space, and shut down S. 28<sup>th</sup> and Dumesnil Street.

# Vacant Spaces & City-Owned Properties

Program activities around entrepreneurs and small businesses.

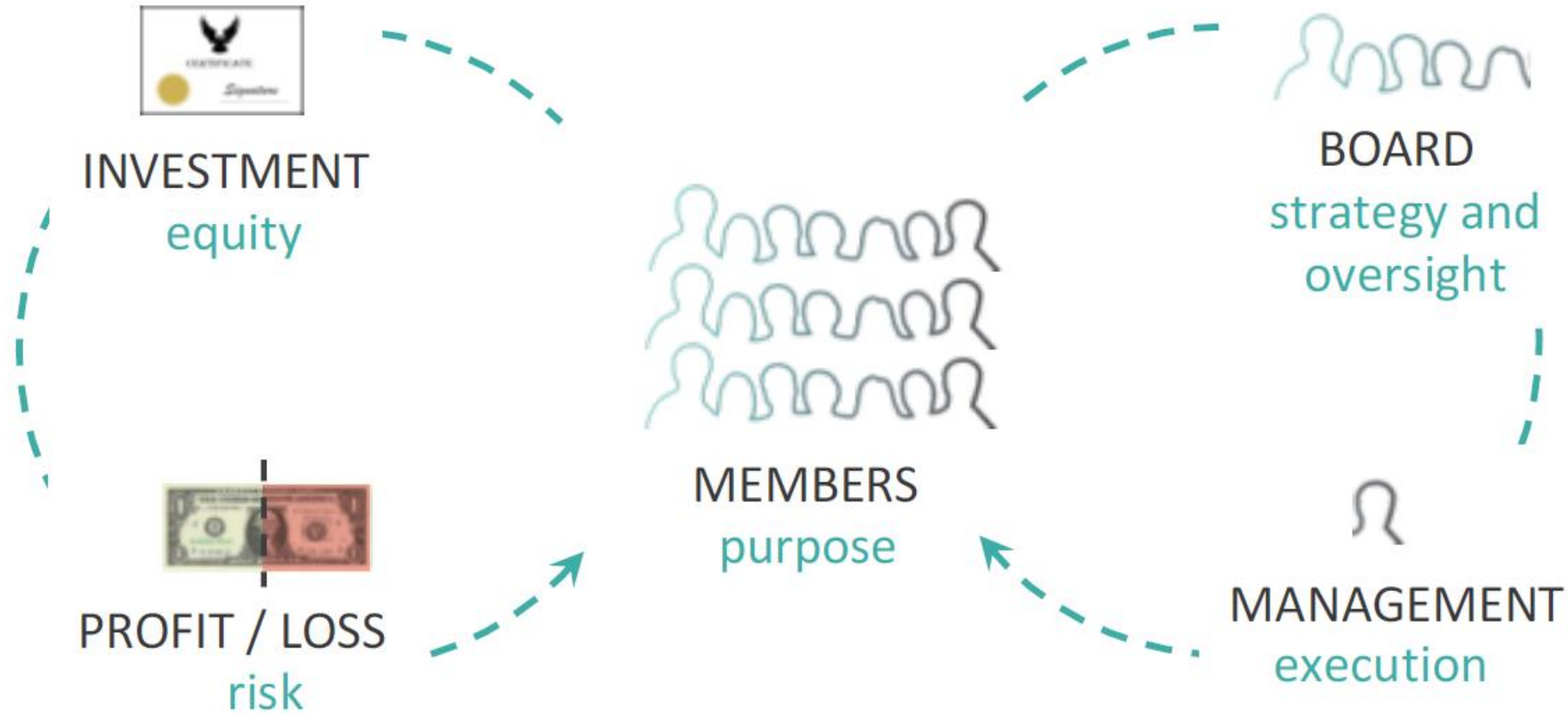
- Block Party/Street Fair with indoor option in winter
  - Highlight area attributes; e.g. food / garden
  - Selling, cooking, healthy eating demos from the garden
    - Outreach opportunity for the Health Equity Report
    - Rotating multiple industry focuses: arts, music, retail, professional services, Code Louisville start-ups
    - Youth-oriented activities & sports, family movie nights
    - Build ties to the police community resource officer
- Hosted by Mayor/ Council member in short term with goal of community ownership
- Partner with local small business (flyers, banners, table setups, maintenance & clean-up)



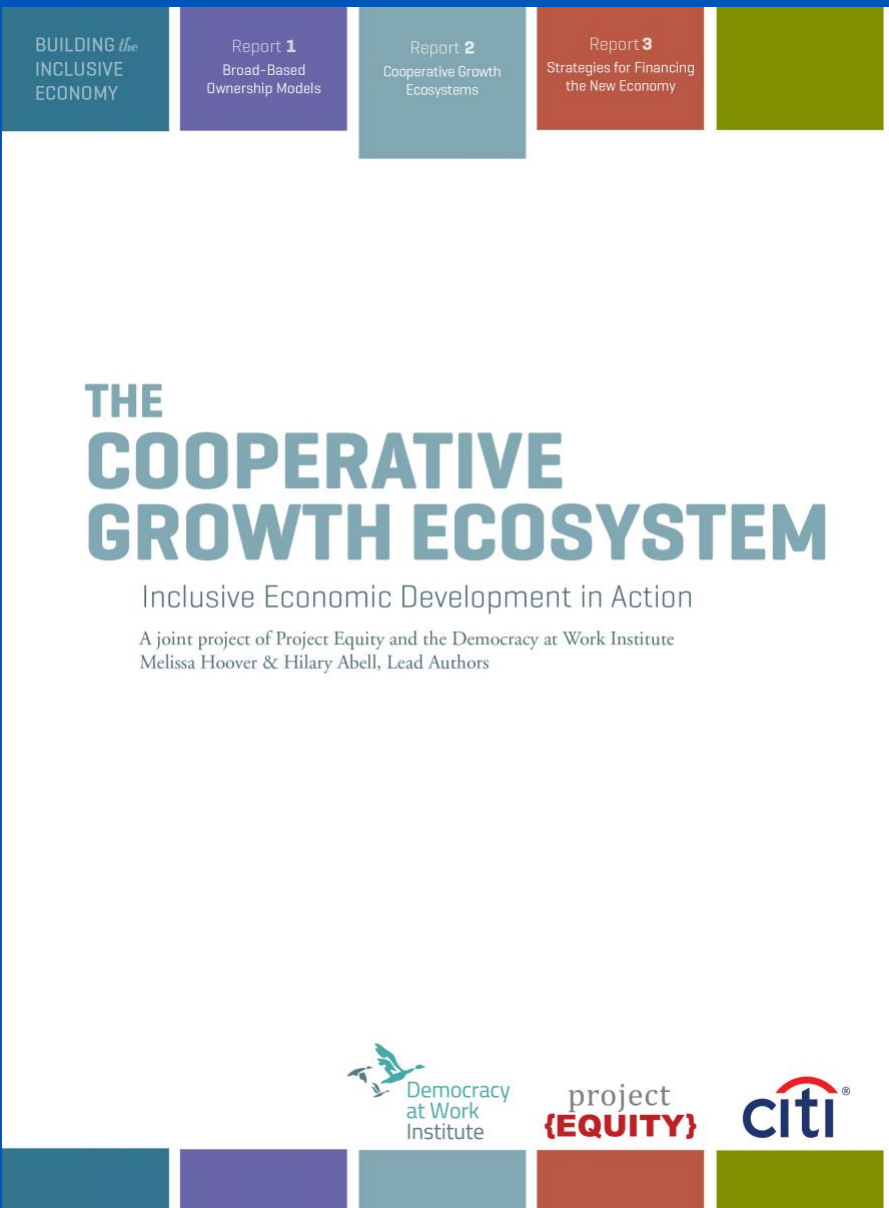


# Develop Worker-Owned Cooperative Ecosystem to Promote Community Ownership

A business **owned** and **controlled** by the employees.



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- Promote community wealth building
- Opportunity to create new start-up worker owned businesses
- Opportunity to assist retiring business owners convert (sell) businesses to workers
- Leverage anchor institution and government purchasing for market opportunities
- Assess creation of Cooperative Development Center
- Assess existing city government programs to ensure accessibility of cooperatives
- Case studies: Minneapolis, Boston, New York, Madison, Indiana, Washington D.C.

# Tightshift Laboring Cooperative

Tightshift Laboring Cooperative is a worker-owned laboring business in DC. Tightshift is DC's first worker-owned cooperative business founded by returning citizens, and provides Moving, Hauling, Residential and Commercial Cleaning, Landscaping, and Fencing.



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# Vacant Properties Strategies

- Execute initial phase of implementation targeted in the Vision Russell and Parkland Neighborhood Plans
- Activate underutilized commercial properties into productive use in areas showing signs of stability and growth



# Vacant Properties Strategies

- Improve city processes to fast track the disposal of vacant residential properties, partnering with existing neighborhood stakeholders to stabilize targeted neighborhood areas
- Implement a carrot and stick approach to property maintenance



# Business Development Financing Tools

- Establish a patient capital development fund that serves as gap financing for Parkland and Russell projects
- Provide loan guarantees or loan loss reserves to support community development projects and entrepreneurs in Russell and Parkland





# Government Purchasing & Processes

- Set an annual spending goal for public procurement of goods and services to be directed toward suppliers in West Louisville
- View licensing and new business formation through the lens of an entrepreneur to identify process improvements



# Build Human Capacity

- Establish a Russell and Parkland Ambassador Program to support and provide solutions to the local small business ecosystem
- Dedicate additional support personnel for business development and land redevelopment





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# Conclusions

- Equity focus allows for reform and changes to government procurement practices and business service delivery
- Focus on new and innovative communication strategies to focus on internal and external services
- City's historical challenges with inclusion present a platform for meaningful engagement and innovation with an equity lens
- Vigorous execution of vacant land reuse/ management practices, streamlined regulatory processes, and innovative financial tools can have a more immediate positive impact on West Louisville neighborhoods and small businesses
- Develop strategies to diversify investments in capacity building for local institutions

# Homework - Next Steps

- Mapping of small business resources provided by Louisville Forward to determine where resources are being distributed and to whom
- Conduct a round table to assess needs of existing and aspiring small businesses in Parkland and Russell to determine service needs
- Activate vacant / underutilized properties to host the entrepreneurial market place
- Research the development of a Capital Development Gap Fund for Parkland and Russell, exploring the existing debt, equity, and free capital funding sources, as well as new ones
- Create a framework for Small Developers Program
- Conduct data assessment of procurement utilization of MWBEs
- Data assessment of current West Louisville businesses with city procurement potential

**Next Check-in:**

**Fellowship Mid-Term Retreat: Los Angeles | January 24-26, 2018**

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