

# The Brookings Institution Metropolitan Leadership Council

## About the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program

Created in 1996, the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program (Metro Program) provides decisionmakers with cutting-edge trend analysis, research and policy ideas that empower metropolitan areas to compete and prosper. The Metro Program believes that future prosperity is dependent upon delivering a next economy that is driven by exports (to take advantage of rising global demand), powered by low carbon (to lead the clean energy revolution), fueled by innovation (to spur growth through ideas and deployment) and rich with opportunity (to reverse the troubling, decades-long rise in income inequality).

To deliver on this promise, the Metro Program grounds its work in metropolitan areas and states to advance reforms that are tailored to the unique assets, attributes, and advantages of these disparate places. It then leverages up the most innovative policies and practices to advance catalytic change at the federal level. The Metro Program's research and policy development is informed by a network of innovative corporate, civic and philanthropic leaders—the Metropolitan Leadership Council—who help guide and advance systemic change both individually and collectively.

## What is the Metropolitan Leadership Council?

The Metropolitan Leadership Council (Met Council) is a network of business, civic and philanthropic leaders that act as financial and intellectual partners of the Metro Program. The Metro Program relies heavily on this group of stakeholders to help advance and support bipartisan solutions that leverage the unique economic drivers of our metro areas so they can help America prosper. In building the council, we are striving to reflect the political, geographic, racial and ethnic diversity of the nation and include representatives from a cross section of economic sectors. While many of our members act globally, they retain a commitment to the vitality of their local and regional communities, a rare blend that makes their civic engagement even more valuable.

## How are Met Council members involved with the Metro Program?

- Provide advice on strategy, research and policy, particularly in areas of interest
- Author op-eds on the Metro Program, its policy recommendations and impact
- Partner with Metro scholars to help advance legislative reform
- Participate in semiannual Met Council strategy sessions
- Actively engage in the development and growth of the Metro Program and the Met Council
- Help us reach out to other business, philanthropic or civic leaders
- Allow Brookings to formally acknowledge them as advisors and supporters of this effort

## What are the benefits of joining the Met Council?

- Membership in a network of elite metro leaders from both the business and philanthropic realms
- Advance copies of all Metro Program publications, including breaking research and policy briefs
- Regular updates on our progress and impact
- Opportunities for meetings with the Metro Program's director, Bruce Katz, and other scholars of interest
- Invitations to private Brookings events in DC and other metros
- Customized benefits developed through dialogue with Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program staff

## How do you join the Met Council?

For more information on joining the Met Council, please contact Carrie Kolasky, Senior Advisor & Director of Development, at [ckolasky@brookings.edu](mailto:ckolasky@brookings.edu) or 202.797.6418. More information on the Metro Program can be found at [www.brookings.edu/metro](http://www.brookings.edu/metro).

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