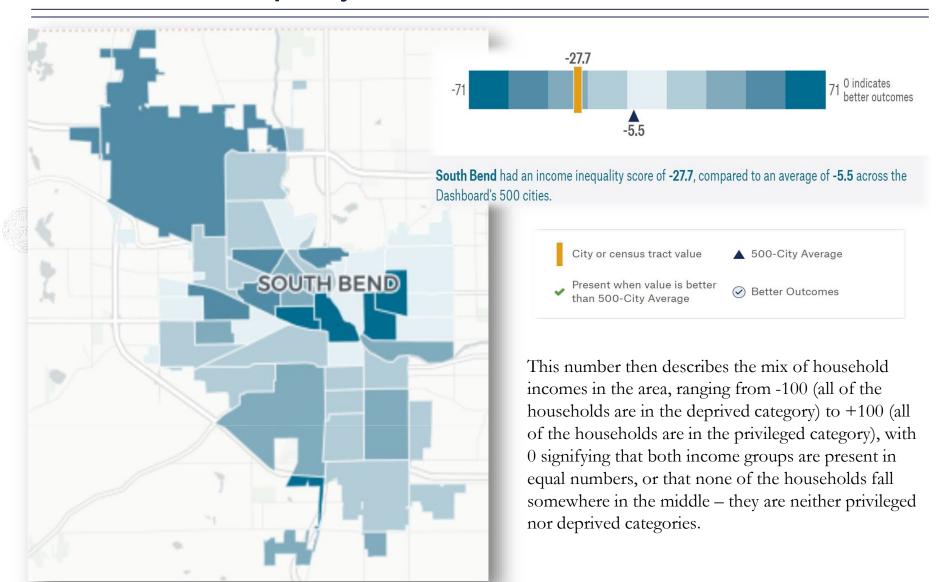


Inclusive Economy Efforts

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Measures of Inequality



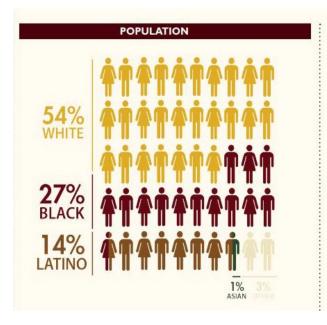
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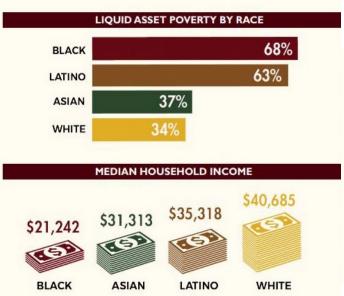
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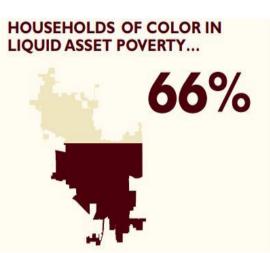


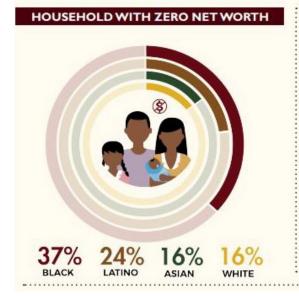


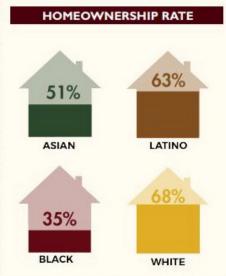
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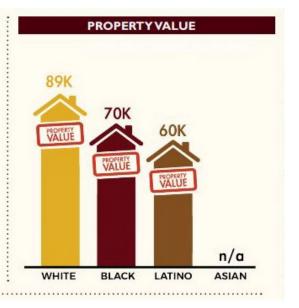












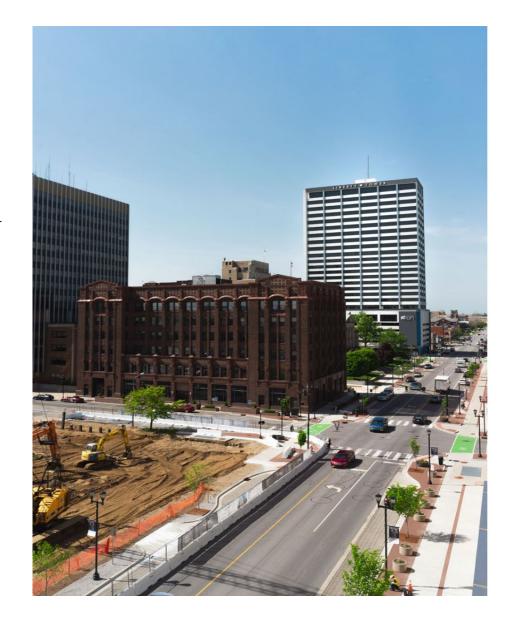
The Challenge & Risks at Hand

A critical challenge facing our nation's midsized cities and their surrounding micropolitan is how to foster a *growth economy* that produces *shared prosperity* at a time when the *future of work* is so uncertain and the *racial/class wealth gap* is widening.

Without new economic growth engines and strategies for broad-based neighborhood revitalization, these communities are at significant economic and social mobility risk.

But by taking an *intentional, systemic approach* to inclusive growth and innovation mid-sized cities and their surrounding micropolitans can lead the way forward.





Becoming High-Performing Racially Informed City

- 1. Diversity & Inclusion Officer (2013)
- 2. Engagement & Economic Empowerment Team (2017)

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): Increases in per capita income, decreases in liquid asset poverty (race & place specific), improved neighborhood organization health, number of new neighborhood organizations, number of residents with neighborhood association membership, improved housing stability (e.g. eviction rates), residents assisted, increases in CoSB diversity hiring, CoSB diversity contracting and capital spend



HIGH-PERFORMING CITIES:

- Treat racial equity as an enterprise-wide effort that's integral to city activities
- Task a person or team with spreading best practices and policy awareness
- Apply data to social issues to identify problem areas, source solutions and inform decision-making
- Position plans and activities to meet the needs of underserved communities
- Seek outside partnerships to supplement resources and move forward with critical initiatives



Engagement & Economic Empowerment Team Efforts

<u>Team Mission Statement:</u> Maximizing economic wellbeing and inclusion through expanded opportunity and civic voice.



Take a grassroots and data-driven approach to resource development

- Engagement Team (Neighborhood Ambassadors)
- Food Hub Working Group
- Qualitative Neighborhood Study
- Neighborhood Empowerment Fairs



Connect residents to vetted resources

- Hurry Home
- Westside Home Repair Pilot
- Building Inclusion
- Love Your Block
- Eviction Legal Defense Fund

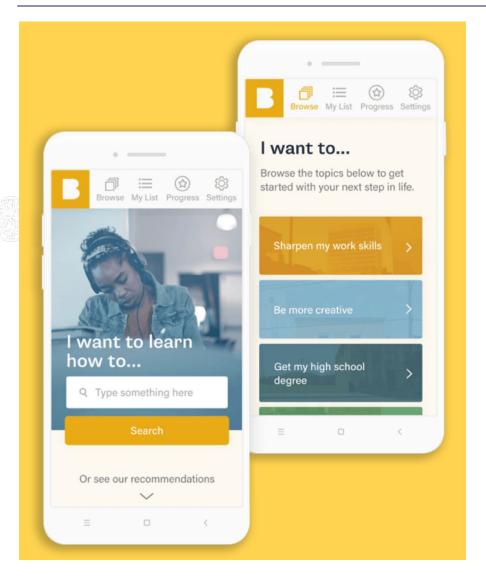


Promote resident engagement and economic empowerment

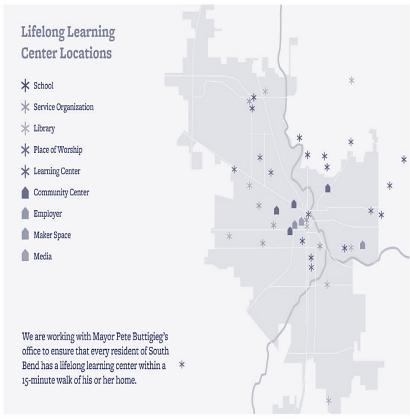
- Residential Neighborhoods Task Force
- Youth Council in Arts & Activism
- Neighbors for a United South Bend (NUSB) Annual Empowerment Summit



Drucker Institute City of Lifelong Learning Pilot



We didn't land in South Bend by accident. With 100,000 residents, the city is big enough to have major challenges. But it is small enough to get things done quickly.



Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayor's Challenge Winner

Transportation as Benefit

The Problem

The lack of reliable, affordable transportation is a primary barrier to finding and maintaining employment for approximately 10,000 South Bend residents.

CITY OF SOUTH SEND The Idea ROEMENT

The City of South Bend will help low-income and part-time workers with unreliable transport options commute to their jobs by partnering with ride-share companies and employers, who will help offset the cost

The Implementation

- \$1 million dollar grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies
- 2. \$135,000 City of South Bend investment
- 3. Employer Contribution TBD



WHAT MAYOR PETE BUTTIGIEG IS SAYING:

"We are thrilled by this partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies to address a major challenge in our time: overcoming the transportation barrier for low-income workers. We believe our city's innovation on this issue can create major new opportunities for inclusive economic growth, not just in South Bend but for many cities like ours—and now we will have the resources to develop this approach at scale."





CDFI-Friendly City Approach

A CDFI Friendly City™ encourages and facilitates CDFI financing costo ways to:

- Help communities gain access to valuable and elusive financing for small business, commercial real estate and housing;
- Facilitate and significantly lower the costs for CDFIs to expand their coverage and increase their financing activity into new, underserved CDFI markets;
- Give CDFI investors expanding opportunities and attract new investors who have previously lacked knowledge of and opportunities to invest in CDFIs; and
- Leverage in new and productive ways the tight resources that governments in most cities and communities must manage prudently and efficiently.

Implementation:

- 1. Convene & Educate local stakeholders
- 2. Hired Five Four Consultants
- 3. Investment \$250k
- 4. Created CDFI Friendly Working Group and FUNDRAISE!

