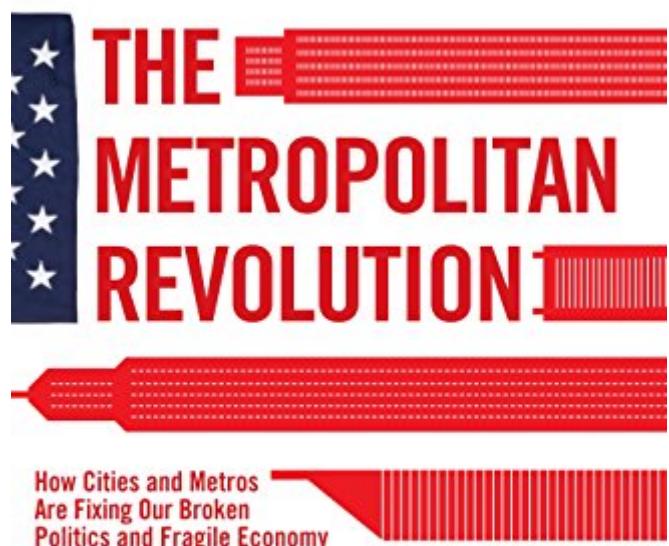


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The Metropolitan Revolution: How Cities And Metros Are Fixing Our Broken Politics And Fragile Economy (Brookings Focus Book)



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Synopsis

Across the US, cities and metropolitan areas are facing huge economic and competitive challenges that Washington won't, or can't, solve. The good news is that networks of metropolitan leaders – mayors, business and labor leaders, educators, and philanthropists – are stepping up and powering the nation forward. These state and local leaders are doing the hard work to grow more jobs and make their communities more prosperous, and they're investing in infrastructure, making manufacturing a priority, and equipping workers with the skills they need. In *The Metropolitan Revolution*, Bruce Katz and Jennifer Bradley highlight success stories and the people behind them. New York City: Efforts are under way to diversify the city's vast economy. Portland: Is selling the "sustainability" solutions it has perfected to other cities around the world. Northeast Ohio: Groups are using industrial-age skills to invent new twenty-first-century materials, tools, and processes. Houston: Modern settlement house helps immigrants climb the employment ladder. Miami: Innovators are forging strong ties with Brazil and other nations. Denver and Los Angeles: Leaders are breaking political barriers and building world-class metropolises. Boston and Detroit: Innovation districts are hatching ideas to power these economies for the next century. The lessons in this book can help other cities meet their challenges. Change is happening, and every community in the country can benefit. Change happens where we live, and if leaders won't do it, citizens should demand it. *The Metropolitan Revolution* was the 2013 Foreword Reviews Bronze winner for Political Science.

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This book provides an excellent description of economic problems facing many urban areas. It provides descriptions of how some cities overcame their economic challenges and are now growing economically. The following are notes for public policy, urban studies, and city planning students: The 100 most populous metropolitan areas have two thirds the nation's population producing three quarters of our Gross Domestic Product on 12% of the nation's land. Metropolitan areas have faster population growth, and with an increasingly diverse population as well as a more aging population, than other areas. The U.S. economy is experiencing increased exports, critical innovations plus production of resulting inventions as well as seeing decreasing waste. Cities will grow according to the reactions to their own actions. Unlike the past, the Federal government is not providing massive funding assistance to cities. Further, most state governments, facing their own budget difficulties that limit their ability to help, are not helping cities as they used to. Cities are improving by upgrading their downtowns and waterfronts, engaging in historic preservation, improving transit, and having interesting architecture. There is a new urban drive for enticing advanced industries to locate in their cities. These industries have created stronger infrastructure, hire human capital, and improve areas when their economic innovations create further growth. Economic growth is driving city renewals. Cities are adapting to the needs of a global economy which demands technological innovations by creating the means to allow these entities to exist and grow.

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