



Monday, September 23, 2019



Mayor Rosalynn Bliss
Grand Rapids



Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Kalamazoo



Mayor Andy Schor
Lansing

Topic: “Inclusive Growth Communities: New Strategies for Prosperity”

While the U.S. economy has been on the upswing since 2009, that prosperity is not shared by all. “Business as usual” is not working for everyone.

New evidence suggests that fully half of American workers have experienced little to no income growth in decades. That stagnation is reshaping our society: many Americans are cut off from opportunity and from the traditional markers of the American dream.

Moved by widespread concern about the scale and consequences of disparity, many urban and regional leaders nationally are pushing action. They’re leading the charge and turning to a new strategy - inclusive growth - to tackle the challenge.

Inclusive growth means that more people share in the rewards of a growing economy and community. Inclusive growth communities are those that invest – through public policy, philanthropy, financial decisions, and community commitments – in the success of efforts like: workforce training and talent development; entrepreneurship and small business success; personal financial security and access to financial resources; neighborhood development and growth; transportation and access; and reducing gaps in health, education, safety and housing.

Evidence suggests that collaborations across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors are the critical factor in community success. Building coalitions that utilize a more diverse set of firms, workers, and communities to reach their productive potential offers a compelling opportunity for growth.

A presentation by Juan Olivarez, Scholar in Residence at the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at GVSU will highlight the importance of inclusive growth initiatives in communities. A panel of three Michigan mayors, moderated by Dr. Teresa Behrens, Executive Director at the Johnson Center, will address local actions to positively impact the future of inclusive growth in our cities.

Next meeting: Monday, October 7, 2019: Panel presentation on “Criminal Justice Reform”

MEETING DETAILS:

International Ballroom
JW Marriott
Open Seating

TIME:

Luncheon begins: 12 noon
Adjournment: 1:30pm

PRICING:

\$35 members
\$45 guests

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE
WELCOMED

TO REGISTER:

Click on Club website:

<http://www.econclub.net/>

Website also provides information about the Club and future meetings.

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY THURSDAY, SEPT. 19TH

No cancellations accepted after noon, Thursday preceding the luncheon - substitutions allowed.

PARKING:

Self Park - in the JW Marriott Parking Ramp. Bring your parking ticket for \$8 validation and easy exit.

ADDRESS:

JW Marriott
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