

How Cities are Changing the World and Leading on Climate Change

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By 2080, cities will be home to 80 percent of the world's population. As we face the existential challenge of climate change, our cities are leading on the journey to a carbon-free economy and climate resilient communities. In the process, they are transforming core urban systems in ways that will radically change the nature of urban life for many decades to come.

Jonathan F.P. Rose – arguably the nation's foremost developer of affordable, environmentally sensitive, socially conscious housing projects – will discuss how to create resilient cities.

The City of Boston, fully aware of this challenge, was recognized at the Paris Climate Summit for its leadership in tackling climate change. The Boston Green Ribbon Commission, headed by John Cleveland, has been a major factor in this movement.

Please join us to discuss how cities are changing and leading on climate change with our two distinguished speakers.



About the Speakers:

Jonathan F.P. Rose is the President & Founder of Jonathan Rose Companies LLC. His business, public policy, and not-for-profit work focuses on creating a more environmentally, socially, and economically resilient world. The Jonathan Rose Companies, founded in 1989, is a multidisciplinary real estate development, planning, and investment firm, which creates real estate and planning models to address the challenges of the 21st century. Jonathan has led the firm's vision, program and growth, developing award winning new projects, investment funds and city plans to model solutions to the issues of housing, economic development and the environment. Mr. Rose's book on how to create resilient cities, *The Well Tempered City: What Modern Science, Ancient Civilizations and Human Behavior Teach us About the Future of Urban Life*, was published by Harper Wave in 2016. Mr. Rose works with cities and not-for-profits to plan and build affordable and mixed-income green housing, and cultural, health, and educational centers. Recognized for creating communities that literally heal both residents and neighborhoods, Rose is one of the nation's leading thinkers on the integration of environmental, social, and economic solutions to urban development issues facing us today. His work has received awards from The Urban Land Institute, The American Institute of Architects, The American Planning Association, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, and many others.

John Cleveland is Executive Director of the Boston Green Ribbon Commission, a group of 34 business and civic leaders supporting the implementation of the City of Boston's Climate Action Plan. Mr. Cleveland is also President and a co-founder of the Innovation Network for Communities (INC), a national non-profit organization whose mission is to develop and spread scalable innovations that transform the performance of community systems. INC works in three primary sectors: urban sustainability; high performing urban K-12 school; and adult workforce development. Prior to founding the Innovation Network for Communities, John served as Vice President of IRN, Inc., a market intelligence firm located in Grand Rapids, Michigan that provided strategic planning, market research, automotive forecasting and merger and acquisition due diligence to mid-sized manufacturing companies. Prior to joining IRN, John worked as a private consultant; as director of Continuous Improvement for Grand Rapids Community College; and as director of the State of Michigan's industrial extension service.

About the Organizers:

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