A dialogue on Empowerment, Race + Development

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This panel will focus on the following:

• Successes and Challenges facing minorities in urban centers

• Lessons learnt from practitioners

• Policies developed to leverage urban centers
About CMAP

- Established in 2005 by the State of Illinois with support from the region’s mayors.
- Central purpose is to better integrate planning for land use and transportation.
- The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) and Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) have been consolidated within CMAP.
- New, streamlined regional agency serves seven counties that make up the third largest U.S. metropolitan region
  - Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties
  - 279 municipalities
  - Numerous school, park, and sanitary districts, along with other agencies
What is CMAP?

- We are the regional metropolitan planning agency for Northeastern Illinois.
- We cover 7 Counties
- We provide high quality information and analysis through coordinated technical assistance.
- We work on building a regional consensus and advocate regional priorities.
- We are commissioned to develop a comprehensive framework for the region’s future through long range regional plans and strategies.

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CMAP is now the Planning Agency for Metropolitan Chicago

• Comprehensive planning that includes:
  – Transportation
  – Environment and natural resources
  – Housing
  – Economic development
  – Human Services

• Charged with developing – on a five-year cycle – the region’s official comprehensive plan that integrates land use and transportation.

• Responsible for:
  – identifying regional priorities
  – coordinating advocacy on behalf of those priorities
CMAP: Promoting Economic Development

CMAP is responsible for integrating economic development in land-use and transportation plans.

- Regional plans for land use and transportation help keep the economic engine humming.
  - Reducing congestion makes the region more conducive to commercial investment.
  - Affordable housing is vital to the economy.
  - Protecting natural resources is compatible with growing the economy.
  - Research and data is a valuable resource for the region.
  - Being relevant to the needs and issues of the region is a top priority.
  - Encouraging and promoting community involvement in the planning process.
Hispanic Population by Municipality - 2000

Legend
- Metra Stations
- US Highways
- Expressways

Percent Hispanic
- Under 25%
- 26% - 50%
- 51% - 75%
- Over 75%

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Commercial/Industrial Development by Municipality by Percent Hispanic

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Square Feet of New Development vs. Percent Hispanic

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Commercial/Industrial Development by Municipality by Percent African-American

- **Commercial/Industrial Dev**

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The Panel

- Greg LeRoy - Executive Director, Good Jobs First.

- LaShawn Hoffman - CEO, Pittsburgh Community Improvement Association, Inc

- Frances Grossman - Executive VP, Shorebank Corporation.