

GROUP FIVE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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THEME: NEW FORMS OF URBAN LEADERSHIP

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1. Based on what you know, what new or unusual traits have Detroit's government leaders demonstrated during the city's crisis? How have they learned to engage philanthropy, nonprofits and the private sector in public problem solving?
2. What cross-sector partnerships are being forged in Detroit and in other cities to address the limitations of city governments? How have these blurred the edges between the public, private, philanthropic, and nonprofit sectors?
3. What have leaders in non-government sectors needed to learn in order to partner effectively with the city and fill gaps in city capacity? What new capabilities and skills have they had to acquire?
4. As Detroit's government returns to equilibrium, how will the division of labor among the sectors be recalibrated? What will be the new normal? Are we seeing these kinds of changes in other cities nationwide?
5. Detroit has been able to create a leadership base that is distributive and diverse, that combines insiders and outsiders. How do cities need to think about leadership? What skills should leadership development programs be cultivating?
6. How can urban leaders create a "narrative of opportunity" and convince people that tomorrow can be better than today? What leadership lessons can other cities learn from Detroit, and vice versa?

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