RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification:*In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Reimagining the Civic Commons | U3 Advisors

Travel Dates:
10/04/2026 to 10/07/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$1,137.23	$627.00	$262.00	$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

11/3/2026
Date

Harry Stein
Printed Name of Traveler

Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

11/3/26
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☑ Yes ○ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation	$1,137.23	Flights were $271 more expensive than anticipated as purchasing reimbursable tickets less than 2 weeks out were necessary given the late approval of the trip. Ground transportation was slightly ($16) more than anticipated.
Meals	$262.00	Meals were lower than budgeted as only one meal outside of those on the program was expensed to the sponsor (dinner on 10/6 at $35).

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ☑ No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ☑ No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

From: Bridget Marquis
To: Stein, Harry (Murphy)
Subject: Speaking Invitation: Civic Commons Summit | October 8
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 11:06:55 AM

Hi Harry,

Good morning. I hope this email finds you well and finding ways to stay cool during this incredibly hot summer.

Writing with two requests:

First, with an invitation to Senator Murphy to see if he might be interested and available to speak at our upcoming **Civic Commons Summit** that will be held **October 5-8 in Akron, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan.**

More specifically, we would be thrilled to have **Senator Murphy as a plenary speaker in a fireside chat style session on the morning of Thursday, October 8 in Detroit** on the role of local civic infrastructure in creating more social capital and strengthening our democratic society — sharing insights from his recently released book and the draft legislation you've shared.

Second, along with this speaking opportunity, we would also greatly value having you participate throughout the Summit as a contributor to the working group focused on the theme of Democracy & Civic Culture. More details on the Summit are below.

We can offer to cover travel costs for the Summit for you both, if that is appropriate. And we would be excited to purchase a copy of the Senator's book for our participants, as well.

I hope we can count you and Senator Murphy in!

My best,
Bridget

Bridget Marquis
Director, Reimagining the Civic Commons

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u3advisors.com
civiccommons.us

Interested in delivering the common good through the public realm in your community? Check out and download an infographic on the Reimagining the Civic Commons model.

Civic Commons Summit
Background

Civic Commons Summit 2026 builds on a decade of local civic commons efforts and convenings of the Civic Commons Learning Network since its inception in 2016. This

event will seek to celebrate, discuss, document and expand upon insights learned from the past 10 years of advancing **Reimagining the Civic Commons** while serving as a launchpad for the future.

The core question at the heart of this gathering: How can this work inform how we rebuild America?

When: October 5-8, 2026 (approx. 1.5 days in Akron, charter bus trip, followed by approx. 1.5 days in Detroit)

What: The Civic Commons Learning Network is a community of practice supported by Reimagining the Civic Commons, an initiative that seeks to foster engagement, equity, environmental sustainability and economic development in our cities by revitalizing and connecting public places such as parks, libraries, community centers and trails.

With the efforts in Akron and Detroit as a backdrop, we will experience the work and distill insights from our 10 years of collective work provocations from thought leaders, immersive learning sessions in each community and a series of rich and interactive issue-oriented working group sessions.

Themes: Throughout the four days, each participant will participate in a series of breakout working group sessions focused on one of five core themes that we believe are necessary pillars for communities and our nation:
+ Trust
+ Bridging social capital
+ Resilience
+ Shared prosperity
+ Democracy & civic culture

Structure: A four-day experiential learning opportunity spanning Akron and Detroit.

+ 30% plenary fireside chats and small panel conversations elevating the themes and serving as provocations for the working group sessions as well as presentations on the work and lessons from participating cities
+ 30% interactive table top and/or boardroom style issue-oriented working sessions focused on distilling insights around core questions for the field
+ 40% round robin tours and experiences in the field led by local city teams to celebrate the efforts to date and immerse ourselves in the work at hand

Participants: Approximately 125 participants comprised of:

+ Cross-silo teams of practitioners from 11 participating cities
+ Participating foundations
+ Select state and/or federal government leaders
+ Invited experts

Output: The goal from this gathering is to produce a set of products offering a

blueprint for our field and for the nation.

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Harry Stein

Employing Office/Committee:
MURPHY, CHRIS

Private Sponsor(s):
Reimagining the Civic Commons | U3 Advisors

Destination(s):
Akron, Ohio Detroit, Michigan

Travel Dates:
10/04/2026 to 10/07/2026
NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

The summit will advance our work on social connection and building strong local communities. This is a high priority for my role in the office and the subject of legislation introduced by Sen. Murphy.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

10/1/26
Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Chris Murphy
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Harry Stein
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

10/1/26
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Reimagining the Civic Commons | U3 Advisors: Civic Commons Summit

Harry Stein

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
MURPHY, CHRIS

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Akron, Ohio
Detroit, Michigan

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Reimagining the Civic Commons | U3 Advisors

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address 2 (Optional)

Phone Number
(443) 562-1699

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
○ Yes ● No

Address
22 S. 40th Street

City, State Zip
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104 United States

Organization URL
www.civiccommons.us

History of Congressional Travel

To date we have never sponsored congressional travel.

Educational Activities

Reimagining the Civic Commons is a national initiative working to reimagine public spaces — such as parks, trails, libraries, neighborhood main streets, and community centers — in ways that deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to communities. Since 2016, it has brought together civic leaders and practitioners with a wide variety of expertise from 11 different cities to learn from one another and experience efforts on the ground in other communities. Over the past decade, Reimagining the Civic Commons has hosted more than 20 cross-city learning opportunities that include a mix of plenary speakers, working group breakout conversations, immersive learning and tours of local public spaces. In addition to in-person learning opportunities, Reimagining the Civic Commons also produces toolkits that act as how-to resources for civic asset and city leaders across the U.S.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This trip is support participation in the Civic Commons Summit, a multi-day gathering hosted in Akron, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

Civic Commons Summit 2026 builds on a decade of local civic commons efforts and convenings of Reimagining the Civic Commons since its inception in 2016. This event will seek to celebrate, discuss, document and expand upon insights learned from the past 10 years of advancing this work across 11 U.S. communities, while serving as a launchpad for the future. The core question at the heart of this gathering: How can this work inform how we rebuild America? With the efforts in Akron and Detroit as a backdrop, we will experience the work and distill insights from our 10 years of collective work provocations from thought leaders, immersive learning sessions in each community and a series of rich and interactive issue-oriented working group sessions. The gathering will explore the connection between public space work and topics of trust, bridging social capital, resilience, shared prosperity, and democracy and civic culture.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- [x] The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- [ ] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- [x] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will not** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
10/04/2026 @ 01:59 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
10/07/2026 @ 09:23 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $850.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$650.00

Note
Multicity - one way to Akron and one way from Detroit

Ground Transportation	N/A	$200.00

Note
Ride share or taxi to/from airport to event venue/hotel

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $627.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
10/04/2026	10/06/2026	Courtyard by Marriott Akron Downtown	Akron	Ohio	United States	2	$154.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
The hotel room block rate is $154/night, plus taxes. Staying at the event hotel is necessary in order to have all 100+ participants travel together to venues.

10/06/2026	10/07/2026	The Westin Book Cadillac	Detroit	Michigan	United States	1	$319.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
The hotel room block rate is $319/night, plus taxes. Staying at the event hotel is necessary in order to have all 100+ participants travel together to venues.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $350.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
10/04/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$28.00	$0.00	**$28.00**	Akron	Ohio	United States	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
10/05/2026	$25.00	$35.00	$53.00	$0.00	**$113.00**	Akron	Ohio	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
These meals are provided by caterers at the venues.

10/06/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$60.00	$0.00	**$60.00**	Detroit	Michigan	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Small Group Dinner in downtown Detroit to facilitate continued conversation from the morning's working group conversation and cross-pollination activity

10/06/2026	$18.00	$35.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$53.00**	Akron	Ohio	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Breakfast and lunch are provided by caterers at the venues.

10/07/2026	$30.00	$35.00	$31.00	$0.00	**$96.00**	Detroit	Michigan	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Breakfast and lunch are provided by caterers at the venue.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Conference Fees	$0.00	There is no registration fee for any of the participants at this conference.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Civic Commons Summit

Travel Date(s):

Travel Destination(s): Akron, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan

Sponsor: Reimagining the Civic Commons I U3 Advisors

Bridget Marquis — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Director — *(title)*

Bridget Marquis — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

8/26/2026 — *(date)*

Reimagining the Civic Commons

Civic Commons Summit Invitation List – U.S. Senate
Harry Stein, Senior Advisor, Senator Chris Murphy

Reimagining the Civic Commons

Civic Commons Summit Itinerary

Sunday, October 4

1:59 – 3:30 p.m. - **Flight AA 3915 DCA to CLE**

4:30 p.m. - **Arrival in Akron**
check-in at Courtyard by Marriott Akron Downtown, 41 Furnace Street, Akron, OH

Monday, October 5

The Duck Club by Firestone
717 Credit Union Park
300 S. Main Street
Akron, OH

8 – 9 a.m. - **Breakfast Meeting**
Harry Stein will meet with Alexa Bush program officer with The Kresge Foundation's Detroit Program, Kyle Kutuchief program director for Akron for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Kathryn Ott Lovell president & CEO of Philadelphia Visitor's Center and Carol Coletta public innovation fellow at Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, four long-time partners in Reimagining the Civic Commons to learn about their efforts in Detroit, Akron, Memphis and Philadelphia and how this work is elevating social connection, civic life and trust in communities across the country.

9 – 9:30 a.m. - **Welcome & Context Setting**
Bridget Marquis
REIMAGINING THE CIVIC COMMONS

This session will describe 10 years of Reimagining the Civic Commons efforts to inform Harry's thinking on social connection and civic infrastructure from work happening on the ground across 11 U.S. cities.

9:30 – 10 a.m. - **The Themes: Bridging Social Capital**
Terrance Smith
CITY OF BALTIMORE
Interviewed by
Carol Coletta
BLOOMBERG CENTER PUBLIC INNOVATION

This session will elevate research and practice related to bridging social capital — connections between people from different socioeconomic, cultural or demographic backgrounds — and the role of public spaces in serving as platforms for these diverse networks to flourish. The content will elevate the importance of civic infrastructure that generates social connection and

particularly bridges difference as critical for economic mobility — related to Senator Murphy's recently-introduced IRL Act.

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10 – 10:15 a.m. **- Introducing Akron Civic Commons**
Kyle Kutuchief
JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION
Dan Rice
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP
Catherine Timko
OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY COALITION

This presentation will provide context-setting information about the civic commons efforts in Akron, Ohio. With investments in three neighborhoods and the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail that connects them, Akron is knitting together isolated communities through collaborative reimagining of public places. Temporary and permanent design features, regular programming and a commitment to co-creation have reestablished a formerly neglected lake and lakefront as a place of civic pride and play, bridged diverse communities once left out of public decisions, and fostered economic development and dynamic, welcoming public life downtown. An ongoing effort since 2016, this work is fostering stewardship and social connection, building trust among residents, addressing difficult histories and spurring a more positive outlook for the future. It will provide a case study of what the IRL Act can deliver in communities across the country.

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. **- The Themes: Trust**
Dan Rice
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP
Sandy Saulsberry
SUMMIT LAKE RESIDENT LEADER
Interviewed by
Bronlynn Thurman
ASTER + GOLDENROD STRATEGIES

Building on the presentation, this panel conversation will illuminate local practices that have generated trust among community members and with institutions through the Akron Civic Commons efforts. This session will offer insights on the process of investing in civic infrastructure with the goal of delivering more trust, an outcome of interest for Senator Murphy's office.

10:45 – 11 a.m. **- Rubber Ducks Deck Viewing**
Noel Blaha, president & general manager of Akron RubberDucks will share the upcoming investments in Lock 2 Park and the connection between the private sector baseball team and stadium with the public and nonprofit sectors advancing Akron Civic Commons work in downtown Akron. It will provide an example of public-private partnerships and the role they play in civic infrastructure efforts.

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11 – 11:30 a.m. **– Transport to Summit Lake**

Summit Lake NorthShore Park

460 South Street
Akron, OH

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – **Lunch & Small Group Conversation**

12:30 – 1 p.m. - **Summit Lake: A Decade of Change & Vision for the Future**
Dan Rice
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP
Catherine Timko
OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY COALITION

This short talk will describe the efforts at Summit Lake, one of Akron's three areas of focus, and how the cross-silo team has advanced the outcomes of civic engagement and environmental sustainability through their efforts reinvesting in this urban lakefront. This session will elevate the multiple benefits of investing in civic infrastructure, particularly in places that have faced decades of disinvestment. It will provide context-setting for the immersive learning sessions.

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1 – 3:30 p.m. - **Akron Civic Commons Immersive Learning** *(one of the following)*

Pop-up to Permanent Walking Tour
Discover how collaborative prototyping and community engagement helped build trust, test ideas with residents and turn early concepts into the Summit Lake Nature Center and other lasting investments at Summit Lake. This session will examine the community engagement process, program development and implementation, and creating community partnership.

This session will be led by:
Lisa King, Summit Metro Parks
Dee Falconer, Summit Metro Parks
Erin Myers, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Grace Hudson, Summit Lake Resident
Jetora Carter, Summit Lake Resident/Summit Metro Parks

Restoring the Grid Neighborhood Restoration Walking Tour
Walk through the Summit Lake neighborhood to see how housing redevelopment, an outdoor gathering space prototype and coordinated public investments are helping restore the neighborhood's historic street grid and increasing quality of life for residents. It will offer a deeper understanding of the need to invest in civic infrastructure as a system, alongside investments in housing and transportation. It will include a discussion of the challenges and opportunities of the Choice Neighborhoods program during a challenging political environment.

This session will be led by:
Herman Hill, executive director, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Kyle Julien, director of planning, City of Akron
Holli Mallak, real estate project manager, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Sandy Saulsberry, co-chair, Summit Lake CDC
Gert Wilms, legal & government affairs officer, Metro RTA

3:30 – 4 p.m. - **Lakefront & Local Snack**

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4 – 4:30 p.m. – **Transport to hotel**

4:30 – 6 p.m. - **Afternoon Break**

Lock 3
200 S. Main Street
Akron, OH

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - **Party at the Park: Casual Dinner**
An opportunity to experience the newly transformed Lock 3 public space, an Akron Civic Commons investment that anchors the heart of downtown and has been core to the city's downtown revitalization strategy.

Tuesday, October 6

Bounce Innovation Hub
526 S. Main Street
Akron, OH

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8 – 8:15 a.m. – **Transport to Bounce**

8:15 – 8:45 a.m. - **Breakfast**

8:45 – 11 a.m. - **Breakout Session #1: Reflect**
Facilitated themed working groups reflect on lessons learned, identify promising practices and distill key insights from a decade of Civic Commons work. Harry will participate in the working group sessions on Democracy and Civic Culture given Senator Murphy's office interest in the role of civic infrastructure in creating opportunities for local democracy and civic engagement. This series of working group sessions will provide insights from practitioners on the ground across 11 U.S. cities on how their work in the public realm is contributing to a stronger civic culture and healthier democracy.
Facilitators:
Alexa Bush, program officer, The Kresge Foundation
Richard Young, executive director, CivicLex

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11 – 11:30 a.m. - **Cross-Pollination Activity**

Working groups will review the draft principles, practices and insights developed by the other four working groups each focused on a different theme: Bridging Social Capital, Trust, Resilience, Shared Prosperity and Democracy & Civic Culture. Participants will make additions and pose questions to the work in progress.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - **Lunch**

12:45 – 4:30 p.m. - **Charter Bus to Detroit**
Charter bus transportation will be provided from Akron to Detroit for the continuation of the program in Detroit the following morning.

4:30 p.m. - Arrival in Detroit & check-in at The Westin Book Cadillac, 1114 Washington Blvd., Detroit, MI

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – **Small Group Dinner**

Wednesday, October 7

Marygrove Conservancy
Madame Cadillac Building
8425 McNichols Rd.
Detroit, MI

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8 – 8:30 a.m. – **Transport to Marygrove**

8:30– 9 a.m. - **Breakfast**

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9 – 9: 30 a.m. - **The Themes: Resilience**
Daniel Aldrich
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Interviewed by
Francesca de Quesada Covey
JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION

This fireside chat will provide insights from research on the role of shared public spaces in creating more flexible and durable communities. It will feature new insights from Daniel Aldrich's book *Beyond Common Ground: How Everyday Places Solve Big Social Challenges* and elevate the role of social capital and the infrastructure that supports it as a polysolution for challenges including extreme weather, economic shocks, polarization, crime and public health. This session will offer an evidence base for investing in shared civic infrastructure as a local and national strategy.

9:45 – 10: 15 a.m. - **The Themes: Shared Prosperity**

Andre Perry
THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION
Interviewed by
Anand Sharma
THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

This session will elevate the role of the public realm in addressing affordability and fostering economic mobility. It will offer insights from research and practice on the impacts of policy on place and economic segregation, and the potential for civic infrastructure investments to reconnect communities and people in ways that create wealth-building opportunities. This session will frame civic commons efforts in terms of local economies, particularly for neighborhoods that have faced decades of disinvestment.

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. - **Breakout Session #2: Reimagine**
Facilitated themed working groups explore the systems that shape their guiding principles and identify key levers for change. Harry will participate in the working group sessions on Democracy and Civic Culture given Senator Murphy's office interest in the role of civic infrastructure in creating opportunities for local democracy and civic engagement. This series of working group sessions will shape principles and identify levers — policies, practices, people — for making these principles the norm in order for public space efforts to contribute to a stronger civic culture and healthier democracy. While Harry will learn from practitioners during this session, his experience with federal policy will provide an important perspective in this room composed primarily of people working at the local level.
Facilitators:
Alexa Bush, program officer, The Kresge Foundation
Richard Young, executive director, CivicLex

12:15 – 1 p.m. - **Lunch & Cross-Pollination Activity**
Working groups will review the refined principles and key levers developed by the other four working groups each focused on a different theme: Bridging Social Capital, Trust, Resilience, Shared Prosperity and Democracy & Civic Culture. Participants will make additions and pose questions to the work in progress to surface new insights and examples from across the network of practitioners.

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1 – 1:15 p.m. - **Presentation: Introducing Detroit Civic Commons**
Caitlin Murphy
LIVE6 ALLIANCE
Taqee Vernon
LIVE6 ALLIANCE

This presentation will provide context-setting information about the civic commons efforts in Detroit, Michigan. Since launching in 2016, Detroit's diverse, cross-silo collaboration of residents, nonprofits, city agencies and multisector investment partners has transformed vacant lots and underutilized assets in the Fitzgerald neighborhood into a vibrant and inviting network of public spaces. Where there were vacant lots, there's now a park and a greenway. The commercial corridor has been redesigned to prioritize people, and it is now home to a storefront community hub and locally owned small businesses. Detroit's neighborhood

of focus has seen increases in social connection among residents, trust in local government and hope in the future. And the idea is spreading: The efforts in Fitzgerald have inspired a citywide model for equitable neighborhood redevelopment. It will provide a case study of what the IRL Act can deliver in communities across the country.

1:30 – 3:45 p.m. - **Detroit Civic Commons Round Robin Tours**
Building from the presentation, this walking tour will introduce participants to partners on the ground across key assets in the Detroit civic commons work, allowing for deeper understanding of different aspects of the local initaitive.

Marygrove Conservancy & The Kresge Commons
Learn how the Marygrove Conservancy and cross-sector partners maintain connections between anchor institutions and the surrounding neighborhood, as this site prepares to welcome The Kresge Foundation for its soon-to-be-constructed headquarters.
Led by:
Turkessa Baldridge, director of programs and engagement, Marygrove Conservancy
Devon Buskin, founder & CEO, Detroit City Lions Youth Club
Adena Hill, program officer, The Kresge Foundation

Ella Fitzgerald Park & Greenway
Discover how 26 vacant lots were transformed into a vibrant neighborhood park to foster connection, belonging, and community stewardship through resident-led design and programming.
Led by:
Darnetta Banks, president, Ella Fitzgerald Park Conservancy
Chanale Greer, program manager, Live6 Alliance
Jay Meeks, president, Marygrove Community Association

Neighborhood HomeBase & Shops on Six
Learn how a community hub, local entrepreneurship and mixed-use development are strengthening neighborhood connections and creating economic opportunities along the West McNichols corridor.
Led by:
Caitlin Murphy, executive director, Live6 Alliance
Krysta Pate, CEO, The Ownership Initiative
Dennis White, director of resident resources, Live6 Alliance

McNichols Commercial Corridor
See how people-centered streetscape improvements, public realm investments and local business development have begun to transform West McNichols into a more welcoming, walkable and vibrant corridor for residents and local entrepreneurs.
Led by:
Angelica Bright, owner, 2Bright
Eric Cook, owner, The Raw Space
Sevyn Jones, owner, Skin Bar VII
Kim Tandy, project manager, City of Detroit Planning and Development Department

4 – 5:30 p.m. - **Taste of McNichols Reception**
With remarks by local government and local business representatives:
Councilmember Angela Whitfield-Calloway *(invited)*
DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Karlyta Williams
MOCKERY ZERO PROOF

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. - **Transfer to Airport**

7:48 – 9:23 p.m. – **Flight UA 4574 DTW to IAD**