

## *The Equity Imperative: Leveraging Technology to Advance Inclusion*

# Keeping Inclusive Innovation a Focus During a Pandemic: A Conversation between Former Mayor Michael Nutter and Shamina Singh

### Speaker Biographies

**Michael A. Nutter** is the inaugural David N. Dinkins professor of professional practice in urban and public affairs at Columbia University. After serving almost 15 years on the Philadelphia City Council, Nutter was elected the 98th mayor of Philadelphia in 2007. During his tenure as mayor, Nutter served as president of the United States Conference of Mayors and president of the Pennsylvania Municipal League. Since leaving office, Nutter has continued his commitment to public service and civic engagement. In addition to providing political commentary for CNN, he serves as a senior adviser for Dentons, InState Partners, the Atlas Marketplace, Cities United, Clover Health, the Governance Project, and Green Diamond Solutions. Nutter sits on the boards of the Heartland Alliance, the Center for Science in the Public Interest, the Council on Criminal Justice, and the Sandy Hook Promise foundation. He is a member of the external advisory council of JPMorgan Chase's AdvancingCities and the Homeland Security Advisory Council. He has also served as a fellow for What Works Cities and is a venture partner with Ridge-Lane Limited Partners. Nutter is actively involved in education, media, public policy, political campaigns, the corporate community, and academic institutions across the country.

**Shamina Singh** is the founder and president of the Center for Inclusive Growth, the philanthropic hub of Mastercard, and Mastercard's executive vice president of corporate sustainability. Since 2014, she has led the center and leveraged Mastercard's data, technology, capital, and expertise for social impact. And as executive vice president for sustainability, she develops and implements environmental, social, and governance strategies across the company. In 2018, Mastercard pledged \$500 million to advance inclusive growth around the world, and Singh was named president of the Mastercard Impact Fund, charged with activating those philanthropic dollars. Currently, she sits on the boards of Data & Society, the Anti-Defamation League, the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders, and the Beek Center for Social Impact and Innovation and on the advisory boards of Women Reignite, the UN Business and Human Security Initiative at the London School of Economics, and the Aspen Institute Civil Society Fellowship. In 2015, Singh was appointed by President Obama to the board of the Corporation for National and Community Service. She has thrice been included in *Financial Times'* top 100 LGBT+ executives. Before Mastercard, Singh led government and public affairs for Nike, worked with Citi's global community development group, and held senior positions in the White House and House of Representatives. Singh earned a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University and a master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She has also completed executive education programs at Harvard University, Yale University, and the Indian School of Business.

**Sarah Rosen Wartell** is the third president of the Urban Institute since it was founded in 1968. During her tenure, Urban has "elevated the debate" by bringing more of its insights from research to federal, state, and local government and practice; becoming a leader in research communications and data visualization; and undertaking an ambitious program of business systems and technology modernization. Previously, Wartell was deputy assistant to the president for economic policy and deputy director of the National Economic Council. At the US Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1993 to 1998, she advised the federal housing commissioner on housing finance, mortgage markets, and consumer protection. Later, she was a consultant to the bipartisan Millennial Housing Commission. After government service, Wartell was the founding chief operating officer and then executive vice president of the Center for American Progress. Before her tenure in government, she practiced law with the Washington, DC, firm Arnold & Porter. Wartell serves on the board of the Center for Law and Social Policy and on Bank of America's National Community Advisory Council. She previously served on the boards of the Low Income Investment Fund, the Center for Urban Science and Progress at New York University, and the Corporation for Enterprise Development. Her areas of expertise include community development, consumer finance, asset building, and housing finance. Wartell has a bachelor's degree with honors in urban affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a doctoral degree from Yale Law School.