

# Rethinking Federal Place-Based Policy: What Comes Next?

## Speaker Biographies

**Dan Kildee** is the President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, and the Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government at Central Michigan University. Dan served as a Member of the US Congress from 2013-2025, representing Michigan's 8th and previously Michigan's 5th congressional district. He served on the Ways and Means Committee and the Budget Committee. Prior to being elected to Congress, Kildee co-founded and served as President of the Center for Community Progress, a national nonprofit organization, where he was one of the nation's leading voices on urban land reform and revitalization. He also founded Michigan's first land bank - the Genesee County Land Bank—which is responsible for over \$100 million in redevelopment in the city of Flint.

**Brett Theodos** is the director of the Center for Local Finance and Growth at the Urban Institute. He is a leading researcher in mission finance, small business outcomes, place-based development, and wealth-building tools. Theodos is regularly called upon by practitioners and policymakers to inform how to better expand prosperity in the US. Theodos serves on the board of directors with the Center for Community Progress, the Douglass Community Land Trust, Grounded Solutions Network, and the Housing Authority of Prince George's County, Maryland. Theodos received his BA from Northwestern University, MPP from Georgetown University, and PhD in public policy from the George Washington University.

**Paul Young** was sworn in as mayor of Memphis on January 1, 2024, with a commitment to creating a stronger, safer, and thriving community for all Memphians. He is a Memphian, father of two, husband to Dr. Jamila Smith-Young, and son of Pastor Dianne Young and the late Bishop William Young. Young earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Tennessee, followed by a Master of Science in urban and regional planning and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Memphis. Young has spent the last decade improving the quality of life in Memphis by advancing housing security and fostering healthy neighborhoods where families can thrive. As the President of the Downtown Memphis Commission and the former Director of Housing and Community Development for the City, Young applied a holistic approach to unifying the city through public and private partnerships and targeted investments in our future. He believes moving the city forward requires strategic investments in public safety, infrastructure, and the potential of our greatest asset – our people.