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After Census, What? Building a Foundation for Inclusive Regional Planning

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Across the country, communities are getting stronger thanks to investments in Census outreach that are building the capacity of nonprofits and governments, to better understand and engage their communities at a granular level, and to work collaboratively across sectors to ensure a complete count. In a fundamental way, public officials, government agencies, and economic stakeholders are seeing communities for what they are—as important assets who bring strength to their regions. Given the progress underway, the question naturally arises as to “what’s next?” One answer is redistricting, which is certainly an important next step in the continuum of civic engagement. We believe, however, that we have a deeper and more ambitious answer: building on the foundation of Census investments to substantially deliver on the promise of inclusive regional planning and inclusive economic development. This talk uses the example of Census outreach in the Inland Empire, to discuss what Census planning has meant for the region, and the lessons it offers for supporting deeply inclusive economic development in under-invested communities and areas more generally.



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