



## Can Cities Control Their Destiny?

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## Agenda August 20, 1999

### 8:45 a.m. **Welcome**

Luke E. Richards  
*Vice President and Acting Branch Manager  
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas,  
San Antonio Branch*

Keith R. Phillips  
*Senior Economist  
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas,  
San Antonio Branch*

### 9:00 a.m. **Regional Growth: A Taxing Issue**

Moderator: Lori Taylor  
*Senior Economist and Policy Advisor  
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas*

Speaker: Melvin L. Burstein  
*Attorney  
Burstein, Hertogs & McFarland  
Minneapolis*

Speaker: Jeff Moseley  
*Executive Director  
Texas Department of Economic Development  
Austin*

Speaker: William Testa  
*Vice President and Senior Economist  
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*

### 10:30 a.m. **Break**

### 10:50 a.m. **Strategies to Encourage Growth**

Moderator: Keith R. Phillips

Speaker: Angelos G. Angelou  
*Principal  
Angelou Economic Advisors Inc.  
Austin*

Speaker: Paul Coomes  
*Professor of Economics  
and National City Bank Research Fellow  
University of Louisville*

Noon **Lunch**

12:15 p.m. **Keynote Address**

Introduction: Robert Smith III  
*Senior Vice President in Charge  
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch*

Speaker: The Honorable Robert C. Lanier  
*Former Mayor of Houston  
President and CEO  
Landar Corp.  
Houston*

1:30 p.m. **Urban Sprawl Uncovered**

Moderator: Fiona Sigalla  
*Associate Economist  
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas*

Speaker: Brett Van Akkeren  
*Deputy Director for Research and Policy  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, D.C.*

Speaker: Samuel R. Staley  
*Director, Urban Futures Program  
Reason Public Policy Institute  
Los Angeles*

2:40 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. **Portland: The City That Works?**

Moderator: Philip Nuetzel  
*Economist and Director of Demand Analysis  
SBC Communications Inc.  
San Antonio*

Speaker: Susan McLain  
*Deputy Presiding Officer, Metro Council  
Chair, Growth Management Committee  
Portland, Oregon*

Speaker: Randal O'Toole  
*Senior Economist, Thoreau Institute  
Visiting Scholar  
University of California at Berkeley*

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

## Speakers

### Angelos G. Angelou

*Principal, Angelou Economic Advisors Inc., Austin*

Angelou is principal of Angelou Economic Advisors, an economic development and site-selection consulting firm. Angelou authors an annual economic and employment forecast for the Austin metro area. He has extensive experience in marketing, new business development, strategic planning, economic analysis and forecasting, and international trade. Previously, Angelou was vice president of economic development for the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a master's degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

### Melvin L. Burstein

*Attorney, Burstein, Hertogs & McFarland, Minneapolis*

Burstein's areas of practice include business, banking regulation and transactions, and employment law. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota's department of economics and its school of law. Before going into private practice, Burstein was an executive vice president and general counsel at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and a J.D. from the University of Minnesota School of Law. He is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

### Paul Coomes

*Professor of Economics and  
National City Bank Research Fellow, University of Louisville*

Coomes' areas of research include economic and financial measurement, impact studies, pricing problems, expert witness testimony and forecasting. His work in the urban/regional field has been published in numerous publications. Coomes has a B.A. from Brescia College in Owensboro, Ky., an M.S. from Indiana University and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.

## Robert C. Lanier

*Former Mayor of Houston  
and President and CEO, Landar Corp., Houston*

Lanier manages a real estate and investment firm specializing in real estate acquisitions, sales development and investment in the Houston area. He was mayor of Houston from 1991 through 1997. He also served as chairman of the Texas Highway Commission and Houston Metro. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico and a J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

## Susan McLain

*Deputy Presiding Officer, Metro Council, Portland, Oregon*

McLain has served on the Metro Council since 1991 and currently chairs the council's Growth Management Committee. She advocates watershed protection, transportation solutions and land use that makes sense. McLain has taught in Oregon public schools for 27 years.

## Jeff Moseley

*Executive Director, Texas Department  
of Economic Development, Austin*

Moseley, a former Denton County judge, was named executive director of the Texas Department of Economic Development in April 1999. As the lead state agency for economic development, the department works to promote economic prosperity for Texas. Moseley founded North America's Superhighway Coalition and has worked to have Interstate 35 designated as the nation's first NAFTA superhighway. He is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla.

## Randal O'Toole

*Senior Economist, Thoreau Institute  
and Visiting Scholar, University of California at Berkeley*

O'Toole is the author of *Reforming the Forest Service* (Island Press), as well as numerous studies of environmental agencies and issues. In 1996 he wrote *The Vanishing Automobile and Other Urban Myths*, focusing on new urbanism (also known as smart growth) in Portland, Ore. O'Toole has a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University and has done graduate work in economics at the University of Oregon.

## Samuel R. Staley

*Director, Urban Futures Program,  
Reason Public Policy Institute, Los Angeles*

Staley brings more than 10 years' experience as an economic development consultant and urban policy analyst to RPPi's Urban Futures Program. From 1990 to 1995, he was a full-time economics professor at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. His areas of expertise include urban economic development, urban planning and zoning, entrepreneurship and public policy, state and local government finance and budgeting, and public school finance and reform. Staley has a B.A. from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, an M.S. from Wright State and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

## William Testa

*Vice President and Senior Economist,  
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*

Testa is director of regional programs in the Research Department at the Chicago Fed. He has written widely in the areas of economic development programs, the Midwest economy and state–local public finance. Most recently, he directed a comprehensive long-term study and forecast of the Midwest economy. Testa has a Ph.D. in economics from Ohio State University.

## Brett Van Akkeren

*Deputy Director for Research and Policy,  
Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.*

In addition to his responsibilities as a deputy director, Van Akkeren coordinates and conducts research and outreach on transportation and land use, finance, new urbanism and smart growth, and infill development. Before assuming his current job, he developed the Smart Growth Network's marketing program and has worked for the EPA on a variety of issues ranging from garbage to climate change. Van Akkeren has a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and an M.B.A. from Stanford University.

