

# Ad**DR**ESS

Advocating  
Resilience  
through  
Environmental  
and  
Social  
Solutions

## EVENT PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2018

The Conference Center at Historic Union Station,  
Minute Maid Park

Houston, Texas

*PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE*



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Advocating Resilience through Environmental and Social Solutions

Monday, November 5, 2018

11:00a Registration desk opens  
Union Station Lobby

1:00—1:45p **Welcome & Day 1 Introductions**

Union Station Lobby

Arturo Chavez, AIA, LEED AP  
James M. Wright, FAIA  
Directors, Page Foundation

The Honorable Sylvester Turner  
Mayor, City of Houston, Texas

Robert Phinney, AIA, LEED Fellow, ENV SP,  
Fitwel Ambassador

Nadav Malin, LEED Fellow, Hon. AIA  
CEO, BuildingGreen

1:45—1:50p Transition to Session 1

1:50—3:10p **Session 1: Leadership & Strategy**

Union Station Lobby

Nadav Malin *MODERATOR*

**SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS**

*Senior Waterfront Planner*

Chris Busch  
Boston Planning and Development Agency

*Chief Resilient Officer*

Jane Gilbert  
City of Miami Office of Resilience & Sustainability

*Hazard Mitigation Administrator*

Ryan Mast  
New Orleans Office of Homeland Security

*Founder*  
Heather Rosenberg  
Building Resilience Network

3:10—3:40p Transition to Session 2 / Coffee Break  
Union Station Lobby

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3:40—5:00p

## Session 2: Health & Well Being/Energy Security Workshops

**Break-out 1: Health & Well Being** Nadav Malin *MODERATOR*  
Union Station Lobby

**SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS** Stacia Clinton, RDN  
*National Director for Healthy Food in Health Care* Health Care Without Harm

Brian Greene  
*President and CEO* Houston Food Bank

Lauren Koch, MA, MENR  
*Associate Director for Climate and Health* Healthcare Without Harm

**Break-out 2: Energy Security** Isabella Soparkar *MODERATOR*  
The Baseball Bar Project Associate, Meridian Institute

**SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS** Eric Easton  
*Director, Realtime Operations* CenterPoint Energy

Mel Nevarez, CISM  
*Manager, Identity and Access Management and Compliance* CenterPoint Energy

5:00—5:15p

Transition to Opening Keynote Speaker

5:15—6:00p

**Keynote Conversation: "Communication"**  
Union Station Lobby

Steve Wymer, Vice President/Communications & Policy, Nextdoor

Robert Phinney *MODERATOR*

6:00—6:15p

Day 1 Wrap-up

Nadav Malin

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Tuesday, November 6, 2018

7:45—8:45a Breakfast Buffet / Networking  
The Depot

8:45—9:00a **Day 2 Introduction** Nadav Malin  
Union Station Lobby

9:05—10:25a **Session 3: Economy & Society Workshops**

**Break-out 1: Housing & Business** Nadav Malin *MODERATOR*  
Union Station Lobby

#### SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

*Chief Resilient Officer* Jane Gilbert  
City of Miami Office of Resilience & Sustainability

*Founding Director* David Perkes  
Gulf Coast Community Design

*Founder* Heather Rosenberg  
Building Resilience Network

**Break-out 2: Training & Community Education** Sarah Walen *MODERATOR*  
The Baseball Bar

#### SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

*Vice President for Policy & Partnerships* Melissa Noreiga  
BakerRipley

*Senior Vice President, Regional Workforce Development* Peter Beard  
Greater Houston Partnership

10:25—10:45a Transition to Session 4 / Coffee Break  
Union Station Lobby

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10:45a—12:05p **Session 4: Infrastructure & Environment Workshops**

**Break-out 1: Transportation & Supply Services** Sarah Walen *MODERATOR*  
Union Station Lobby Meridian Institute

**SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS** Sanjay Ramabhadran, PE  
*Partner, VERSA Infrastructure / METRO Board of Directors* Houston METRO

*Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, Chair, Board of Directors* Shaukat Zakaria  
Houston Meals on Wheels

**Break-out 2: Planning & Design** Nadav Malin *MODERATOR*  
The Baseball Bar

**SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS** Chris Busch  
*Senior Waterfront Planner* Boston Planning and Development Agency

*Consultant, Cameron MacAllister Group* Betsy Del Monte, FAIA, LEED BD+C  
American Institute of Architects / Dallas

*President* Alex Wilson  
Resilient Design Institute

12:05—1:15p Lunch Buffet  
The Depot

1:15—2:00p **Session 5: Tools & Programs**  
Union Station Lobby

Nadav Malin *MODERATOR*

**SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS** Alexandra Miller, AICP  
*Managing Principal, New Orleans* Asakura Robinson

Sarah Walen & Isabella Soparkar  
Meridian Institute

2:00—2:20p Transition to Closing Keynote Address / Coffee Break

2:20—3:05p **Closing Keynote Address**  
Union Station Lobby

Otis Rolley, Managing Director, North America  
100 Resilient Cities

3:05—3:35p Conference Wrap-up

Nadav Malin *MODERATOR*

3:35—4:30p **Post-Conference Conversations**  
Union Station Lobby

Everyone is invited!

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## SPECIAL GUEST



Elected in December 2015, **Sylvester Turner** is serving his first four-year term as Houston's 62nd mayor. Since taking office, Mayor Turner eliminated a \$160 million budget shortfall in record time; led the city's remarkable rebound from Hurricane Harvey; championed historic pension reform; cheered on the 2017 World Series-winning Houston Astros; hosted a successful Super Bowl LI; expanded municipal investments in renewable energy and led the winning bid to host the World Petroleum Congress in 2020.

As the head of the energy capital of the world and the most diverse city in the nation, Mayor Turner has brought a performance-driven approach to the job, creating more responsive, streamlined and efficient delivery of city services while shoring up Houston's financial future. Thanks to his leadership, the Texas Legislature and local voters approved the pension reform package that reduces the city's liability by billions of dollars and provided a "fix" that had eluded the city for 17 years.

Mayor Turner's civic leadership has been nationally recognized through his service as a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Transportation and Communications Standing Committee, vice chair of the National Climate Action Agenda, member of the C40 and Global Covenant for Mayor's for Climate and Energy and an advisory board member of the African American Mayors Association. He is also the recipient of the Ohtli Award, the Mexican government's highest honor. Turner has been featured in publications and news outlets such as 60 Minutes, MSNBC, CNN, CNBC, FOX News, Wall Street Journal, Black Enterprise Magazine, Cuba Today Magazine, Ebony, New York Times, Washington Post and USA Today.

Prior to his election as mayor, Turner served for 27 years in the Texas House as the representative for District 139. He worked on the House Appropriations Committee for 21 years and served as Speaker Pro Tem for three terms. He was appointed to several Budget Conference Committees to help balance the state's budget and served on the Legislative Budget Board.

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Steve Wymer** is the Vice President of Communications and Policy at Nextdoor, the private social network for neighborhoods. Nextdoor's mission is to build stronger local communities. The inspiration behind Nextdoor was to give people a social network to connect them to one of the most important communities in their lives — the neighborhood. Nextdoor helps you stay in the know, get things done, and be a good neighbor. Headquartered in San Francisco, Nextdoor was founded by a group of entrepreneurs who have experience creating engaging online communities.

Wymer has diverse executive leadership experience in the public policy sector, media, and technology industries, in addition to extensive experience in the developing world leading democracy and civic engagement initiatives for the U.S. Department of State. Before moving to Silicon Valley from Washington, D.C. in 2011, he spent nearly a decade serving as a senior advisor to three U.S. Senators and a term as President of the U.S. Senate Press Secretaries Association. Prior to joining Nextdoor, Wymer lead global communications and a variety of marketing and policy functions for TiVo



**Otis Rolley** is the Managing Director, North America, of 100 Resilient Cities. Otis brings to 100RC an entire career dedicated toward resilience and urban development in the private, non-profit and public sectors. He has worked in housing, community economic development, strategic planning, performance management, municipal administration, urban, regional and transportation planning.

Prior to joining 100RC, Otis served as CEO of Newark, NJ's economic development corporation. He was a senior manager at a national public-sector management consultant firm leading their strategic planning, change and performance management work in municipalities and large urban school districts. He also was the founding president of a regional nonprofit dedicated to improving and expanding transit and transportation options for Central Maryland. His extensive public sector experience includes serving in various leadership positions with five different mayors in three large US cities. He has been a chief of staff managing a \$2 billion budget; city planning director for America's largest independent city; and he has served as 1st deputy housing commissioner for the 5th largest public housing and community development agency in the US.

An honors graduate, Otis earned his BA from Rutgers University and a masters from M.I.T.

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## CONVERSATION MODERATORS



**Nadav Malin** is the building industry's acknowledged go-to resource for a thoughtful perspective on the materials and design solutions that define sustainable building practice. A long-serving former member of the national LEED Faculty, he is an experienced trainer and facilitator, convening the network of architecture firm Sustainable Design Leaders and teaching diverse groups about LEED and green building. He is a sought-after workshop facilitator and consultant to USGBC, AIA, large corporations, government agencies, and architecture firms.

As president of BuildingGreen, he oversees the company's industry-leading information and community-building websites BuildingGreen.com and LEEDuser. He also served as executive editor of GreenSource magazine throughout its highly decorated seven-year run.

When the LEED rating system was just starting out, Nadav was tapped to lead its new Materials and Resources Technical Advisory Group, which he chaired throughout LEED's formative years. Nadav also led the team that created the U.S. Department of Energy's High Performance Buildings Database, and continues to oversee BuildingGreen's responsibility for ensuring the quality of case studies and collecting meaningful data on actual building performance. When he is not facilitating a rich conversation among design professionals, he can often be found chasing a hockey puck or a soccer ball, depending on the season.



**Robert Phinney**, Sustainable Design Director at Page, is passionate about the health of our buildings and environment – and how they affect human health. He first experienced this “aha” moment while in graduate school at North Carolina State University where he learned about environmentally sound design. The subsequent loss of family members and friends to cancer made him even more acutely aware of the widespread use of toxic chemicals in every aspect of our lives. This strengthened his commitment to “design for the future” with buildings that save energy, reduce water usage and, most important, protect our environmental and human health.

His LEED Fellow designation was the result of his almost two-decades of advocacy to promote and integrate sustainability, not just in the built environment, but also in organizations. At the national level, for example, Robert has helped develop LEED credentialing systems and exams and was involved in the early development of the Green Guide for Healthcare.

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**Chris Busch** is a Senior Waterfront Planner at the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), Boston's economic development and planning agency. Mr. Busch is involved with the management of the BPDA's waterfront planning and climate preparedness initiatives that include the basic functions of community planning, urban design, zoning and climate resiliency planning. Mr. Busch has been working for the City of Boston for over 18 years, holding positions in the City Environment Department's Air Pollution Control Commission and Conservation Commission. In those capacities he administered state and local air quality and wetland regulations also advanced initiatives related to climate change, green building and sustainable best practices for construction and development.

As Senior Waterfront Planner at the BPDA, Mr. Busch works on the development and administration of municipal harbor plans for the City's waterfront districts and has functioned as project manager for grant programs related to coastal wetland restoration, water transportation infrastructure, climate change, and public realm improvements to the City's open space resources. Additional planning efforts that Mr. Busch is involved with include waterfront components of the City's Image Boston 2030 plan and the implementation of the City's climate resiliency plan, Climate Ready Boston. Mr. Busch holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters degree from Boston University, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



**Jane Gilbert**, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Miami leads the resilience strategy development for City of Miami, and, in partnership with Miami-Dade County and City of Miami Beach, for Greater Miami and the Beaches. Additionally, as Director of the City's Office of Resilience and Sustainability, Ms. Gilbert is charged with leading the City's response to climate change.

Prior to joining the City, Ms. Gilbert managed The Miami Foundation's civic leadership agenda on sea level rise, led Wells Fargo's philanthropy and community affairs in South Florida and was the Executive Director for 3 nonprofits, Dream in Green, Arts for Learning/Miami and ArtCenter/South Florida. Ms. Gilbert currently serves on the NIST Center for Risk-Based Community Resilience Planning's External Assessment Panel and the Board of Transitions. Previously, Ms. Gilbert served on the City of Miami's Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee, Beacon Council's One Community One Goal Steering Committee, Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force, and City of Miami NSP Task Force. Ms. Gilbert holds a BA in Environmental Science from Barnard College and MPA focused on Urban Community Development from the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.



**Ryan Mast** is the Hazard Mitigation Administrator for the City of New Orleans, housed in the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. In this capacity, he leads the City's mitigation and recovery planning efforts and oversees implementation of strategic programs that reduce risk, build equity and increase adaption to natural and man-made shocks and stresses.

Prior to this role, Ryan worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the Louisiana Recovery Office supporting the \$20 billion recovery effort from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike. During his tenure with the Agency, he served with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and External Affairs departments and supported the DHS Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships in establishing a Building Resilience with Diverse Communities program in New Orleans.

Ryan served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala and is a graduate of Tulane University's Stone Center for Latin American Studies. He was a member of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's inaugural Community Leadership Network Fellowship Program.

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**Heather Rosenberg** is the founder of the Building Resilience Network, which helps businesses and their surrounding communities on the path toward physical, social and economic resilience through strategic planning, capacity building and implementation. Ms. Rosenberg is a USGBC Ginsberg Fellow and founder of USGBC-LA's Building Resilience-LA program that brings resilience to the building scale. With more than 15 years working on the leading edge of green building and sustainability, she is co-author of the USGBC report "Social Equity in the Built Environment," co-authored the core curriculum for USGBC's Green Building and LEED Core Concepts Guide and writes and blogs extensively on issues of sustainability and resilience. An ecologist by training, Heather formerly served as a principal at CTG Energetics, where she led sustainability projects at the local, regional and national scale. She has worked with the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB) to develop a Resilience Module for real estate investment companies and funds, and is working with Enterprise Community Partners to develop financial tools for resilience retrofits of affordable housing. In partnership with community-based organizations and the City of Los Angeles, she is developing a network of neighborhood resilience hubs that can support local communities in times of disasters. She was appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti to serve on the City of LA's Innovation and Performance Commission and serves on the City's Resilience Steering Committee. She served on the National Institute of Standards and Technology Resilience Panel, and currently serves on the State of California Clean Energy Jobs Act Citizens Oversight Board, the American Society of Civil Engineers Resilient Infrastructure SPEED Committee and former member of the USGBC Social Equity Working Group.



**Stacia Clinton, RDN.**, is the National Director for the Healthy Food in Health Care Program, an initiative of the global non-profit organization Health Care Without Harm. She guides local and sustainable institutional purchasing and policy action through their network of over 1000 facilities nationwide and serves as an advisor to the organization on the impact of diet on individual and environmental health.

Ms. Clinton is the chair of the Clinician Champions in Comprehensive Antibiotic Stewardship (CCCAS) collaborative, a joint effort of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society and Health Care Without Harm. Stacia has experience in the field of food service and clinical nutrition management with past positions in small and large scale health care facilities. Her commentary has been featured in publications such as Today's Dietitian, Food Service Director Magazine and Time Magazine.



**Brian Greene** is President and CEO of the Houston Food Bank, a non-profit organization that feeds the hungry by seeking food donations and distributing them to a network of 1,500 community partners in 18 southeast Texas counties. Founded in 1982, the organization helps 800,000 individuals each year through food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens and other meal sites. Since taking the top post at the Houston Food Bank (HFB) in 2005, Brian has led the organization to unprecedented growth. In August 2011, the Food Bank moved into its new home, a 308,000 square foot warehouse and office facility, purchased and renovated thanks to a \$55.6 million capital campaign. The new building is four times larger than the old one.

Last fiscal year, HFB distributed 122 million nutritious meals and other necessities. HFB is the nation's largest size Feeding America food bank. The vision for the future is to expand service to the community to 100 million nutritious meals by 2018. In fall 2008, the Food Bank merged with End Hunger Network, a Houston-area food rescue organization, thus making more effective use of community resources by working together as one. Through Brian's leadership, Food Bank programs have expanded to feed more children and tap into additional sources for food donations. Before moving to Houston, Brian was the executive director of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana for 12 years. In the five years prior, he held the same position at the Second Harvest Food Bank in Knoxville, Tennessee.



**Lauren Koch** is the Associate Director for the Climate and Health program with a focus on mitigation and resilience initiatives at Health Care Without Harm and Practice Greenhealth. Both of these nonprofit organizations seek to transform health care worldwide so that it reduces its environmental footprint, becomes a community anchor for sustainability and a leader in the global movement for environmental health and justice. Lauren earned dual masters degrees in environment and natural resources/public policy and administration from The Ohio State University and has over ten years of health care and sustainability experience.

Health Care Without Harm works to transform health care worldwide so that it reduces its environmental footprint, becomes a community anchor for sustainability and a leader in the global movement for environmental health and justice.

Practice Greenhealth is the nation's leading resource for environmentally friendly practices for the health care sector. Practice Greenhealth provides tools and resources to create better, safer, greener workplaces and communities and to improve patient outcomes. Practice Greenhealth is a nonprofit membership organization founded on the principles of positive environmental stewardship and best practices by organizations in the healthcare community.



**Isabella M.H. Soparkar** is a Fellow and Project Assistant at Meridian Institute with experience working on public policy issues. Graduated summa cum laude from Macalester College with a degree in Environmental Studies, with an emphasis in Climate Science and Policy and a minor in Political Science. Education and work experience have focused on domestic and international climate policy, agricultural systems, environmental justice, free trade, and women in politics.

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**Eric Easton** has performed various roles in T&D System design and operations including T&D System Planning, System Protection, Asset Management and Substation Design Engineering. He is presently Director of the CenterPoint Energy Real-Time Operations organization responsible for Transmission System Operations including design training, outage scheduling, network modeling and real-time engineering analysis. During his career Eric has led a number of design and process innovation initiatives including 3D substation design, relay panel redesign, IEC 61850, Asset Life Cycle Analytics, QA/QC program development, and EMP Mitigation.

He received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Prairie View A&M University and is presently a PhD Candidate in the Industrial, Manufacturing & Systems Engineering program at Texas Tech University. His academic research interests include operations research and systems engineering.



**Mel Nevarez, CISM** has over 37 years of IT experience at CenterPoint Energy, Inc. He has held various positions throughout his career. His most recent position of Manager Identity and Access Management and Compliance includes responsibility for the Identity and Access Management Organization, SAP Security, oversight of the Corporate Cyber Incident Response Plan and IT Auditing.

Mel is a graduate of The University of Houston Downtown, has been married to his high school sweetheart for 37 years and has three grown children. Mel enjoys playing the guitar and fishing in East Cape Baja Mexico.



**David Perkes** is an architect and Associate Professor for Mississippi State University. He is the founding director of the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, a professional outreach program of the College of Architecture, Art + Design. The design studio was established soon after Hurricane Katrina and is providing planning and architectural design support to many Mississippi Gulf Coast communities and non-profit organizations. The design studio works in close partnership with the East Biloxi Coordination and Relief Center and has assisted in the renovation of hundreds of damaged homes and over fifty new house projects in East Biloxi. The Biloxi house projects were awarded an Honor Citation from the Gulf States Region AIA in 2007. Before creating the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, David was the director of the Jackson Community Design Center and taught in the School of Architecture's fifth year program in Jackson, Mississippi, for seven years. Under his leadership the Jackson Community Design Center assisted many community organizations and received numerous national and local awards, including a Mississippi AIA Honor Award for the Boys and Girls Club Camp Pavilion. A sustainable Habitat for Humanity house built in Jackson was selected by the "Show Your Green" recognition program and featured on the AIA Design Advisor. David was selected as the designer from Mississippi in January 2004 issue of International Design in which a designer is featured from each state. David has a Master of Environmental Design degree from Yale School of Architecture, a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Utah, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Utah State University. In 2004 David was awarded a Loeb Fellowship from the Harvard Graduate School of Design.



**Sarah Walen** is a Senior Mediator and Program Manager at Meridian Institute who joined Meridian in 1999. She has 24 years of experience serving as a convener, facilitator, and mediator of policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development processes. The scale of her work has ranged from local to international and has addressed environmental and sustainable development issues relating to food and agriculture, forests and tropical forests, climate change, hazardous and nuclear waste management and cleanup, energy, air-quality management and regulation, watershed management, other natural resources, and ecosystem management. Participants in these efforts have included public citizens as well as representatives from the private sector and local, regional, and national governmental and nongovernmental organizations.

Ms. Walen is currently focused on issues related to the impact of tropical deforestation, through grants from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's Environmental Conservation Program on their Collaboration for Forests and Agriculture, and from the World Economic Forum in support of the Tropical Forest Alliance 2020. Ms. Walen is also engaged with organizational strategic planning for the Center for Responsible Shale Development and the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center. Before becoming a facilitator/mediator, Ms. Walen practiced for 11 years as a professional geologist and an environmental consultant. She served as the Technical Director of an environmental consulting firm and supervised environmental site investigations and contaminated site cleanups. Ms. Walen holds a Master of Science degree in Geology from the University of Massachusetts.



**Melissa Meisgeier Noriega** spent 27 years working for the Houston Independent School District (HISD), starting in the Research & Evaluation department. She continued in Title I Community Engagement, was senior staff to several superintendents and retired as a manager of Professional Development and Leadership Training after winning a run-off election in June, 2007. Her time at HISD was followed by her role as a city-wide at-large member of the Houston City Council, where she served as Chair of Public Safety, Chair of Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology, Co-chair of the Census Complete Count Committee and Co-chair of the City Bond Election Campaign in 2012. She has served as an independent consultant since being term-limited out of office in December 2013, and currently is active on the board of New Hope Housing and the East End Foundation.

Melissa didn't contemplate a political career until she spent almost a year in the Texas House as the first person to serve under the provision of an amendment to the Texas Constitution approved by voters in 2003, allowing someone to stand in for a Representative or Senator deployed as part of a war effort. She served on the Defense Affairs & Homeland Security and the Corrections committees, and was named Freshman of the Year by the Democratic Caucus. After she volunteered at the George R. Brown Convention Center following Hurricane Katrina, she saw what Houstonians were able to accomplish, and she decided to run for Council at-large Position 3:

Ms. Noriega, the first in her family to graduate from the University of Houston, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, and her Master of Education in counseling.

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**Peter Beard** serves as Senior Vice President for Regional Workforce Development at the Greater Houston Partnership whose mission is to make the Houston region the best place to live, work and build a business. He leads the Partnership's UpSkill Houston initiative—a business led effort that works with employers, educational institutions, community-based organizations, and the public workforce system. UpSkill Houston works to ensure that the region's businesses have access to workers that have skills and credentials for advanced and technical careers and occupations that require education beyond a high school diploma but less than a four-year college degree.

Prior to joining Greater Houston Partnership, Peter served in executive roles at United Way Worldwide (Alexandria, VA) and the Fannie Mae Foundation (Washington, DC). Prior to Fannie Mae Foundation, he served as the general counsel at Habitat for Humanity International (Americus, GA), and was in private legal practice at Semmes, Bowen & Semmes (Baltimore, MD).

Peter received his A.B. in economics from Davidson College (NC) and J.D. (magna cum laude) from Syracuse University College of Law (NY).



**Sanjay Ramabhadran** is a Partner at VERSA Infrastructure providing engineering and program/construction management services on aviation, transportation, and water / wastewater / flood protection projects. He has served in senior executive / board roles at global and regional engineering firms and has 24 years of experience in public infrastructure consulting. He was appointed to the METRO Board of Directors in May of 2015 and currently serves on the Capital & Strategic Planning Committee and the Finance & Audit Committee.

His civic involvement has included serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of LEADERSHIP HOUSTON; President-Elect at the Texas Lyceum – state-wide leadership group focused on public policy issues impacting Texas; Steering Committee Member – Houston General Plan; Senior Fellow – American Leadership Forum; President of the HESS Club; President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston; Chairperson of the Houston Mayor's International Trade & Development Council (South Asia); City of Houston – Building & Standards Commission; Greater Houston Partnership's Public Safety Task Force; Connecting Communities Initiative at Rice University's Kinder Institute; Advisory Council – Houston Arts Alliance; and Board of Directors of the Indo-American Charity Foundation. Mr. Ramabhadran was honored as one of the 2012 Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) by the United States Junior Chamber. A graduate of BITS-Pilani and Texas A&M University, he is a registered Professional Engineer.



**Shaukat Zakaria** has over 20 years of experience in business development, finance and management. His passion for helping Houston's community is evident through him serving on the Board of the Planning Commission of City of Houston as well as serving as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston. The Interfaith Ministries (IM) brings people of diverse faith traditions together for dialogue, collaboration, and service, as a demonstration of our shared beliefs. IM envisions a community working and acting together in response to the needs of a Greater Houston to create a more respectful, connected, and caring society.

Mr. Zakaria is also the co-founder of HealthQuest Therapeutics where he serves as the Chief Executive Officer and has overseen the company's growth since its inception. Mr. Zakaria's career encompasses over seventeen years in new business development. Under Mr. Zakaria's direction, HealthQuest has evolved from a community pharmacy to an infusion clinic and pharmacy. Under Mr. Zakaria's direction HealthQuest has developed an Ambulatory Infusion Center and Home Infusion and Specialty Services. Prior to leading HealthQuest Therapeutics, Mr. Zakaria oversaw finance, management, and business development for real estate and oil and gas services companies.



**Betsy del Monte, FAIA, LEED BD+C**, is an architect and consultant with the Cameron MacAllister Group, providing strategies and education in sustainability and resilience. She is an Adjunct Professor in the Masters Degree in Sustainability and Development at SMU's Lyle School of Engineering, teaching courses in global sustainability and resilience. As an architect, she has 30 years of experience in high-performance architecture and environmental responsive design and planning. She has been a visiting lecturer at University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at Arlington, Rice University, University of Virginia, Texas A&M, and Boston Architectural College.

Betsy currently serves on the AIA National Strategic Council for a 3 year term, until 2020. She is part of AIA's Resilience Education Working Group, helping to write curriculum for AIA members. She has been President of AIA Dallas, Vice President of Texas Society of Architects and chair of the North Texas USGBC. She also sits on the ULI North Texas board, and teaches Urban Plan workshops for ULI. Betsy has been named a Fellow by the AIA, and a Senior Fellow by the Design Futures Council. She received her BS in architecture from the University of Virginia, and a Master of Architecture from Rice University. Her experience includes work at architecture firms in Atlanta and Houston, as well as nine years with Philip Johnson and John Burgee in New York.



**Alex Wilson**, Founder and President of the Resilient Design Institute, a nonprofit organization that advances practical solutions for enhancing resilience of buildings and communities. He is also the founder of BuildingGreen, Inc. in Brattleboro, Vermont, an 18-person company that has served the design and construction industry with non-biased information on environmentally responsible design and construction since 1985.

He is a widely published writer who has written for *Architecture*, *Architectural Record*, *Landscape Architecture*, the *Journal of Light Construction*, *Building Safety*, and many other publications. He is author or coauthor of several books, including *Green Design: Integrating Ecology and Real Estate* (John Wiley, 1998), *Your Green Home* (New Society, 2006), the *Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* (ACEEE, 1st edition 1990, 10th edition 2013), and the *Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* (1990, 9th edition, 2007). He has also co-authored a series of four guidebooks on quiet-water canoeing and kayaking for the Appalachian Mountain Club. Alex served on the board of the U.S. Green Building Council from 2000 - 2005 and in 2008 received their Leadership Award for Education. In 2010 he became the second recipient of the Hanley Award.

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**Alexandra Miller, AICP**, Principal is the Economic Development Sector Lead in the New Orleans Office of Akasura Robinson. Akasura Robinson is a planning, urban design, and landscape architecture firm which strengthens environments and positively impacts communities through innovation, engagement, stewardship, and an integrated design process and our employees are leaders in social and environmental design.

Ms. Miller is an urban planner and community development professional who specializes in planning for inclusive, equitable economic development and community revitalization. Her work focuses on economic and social empowerment of communities that helps residents shape their own urban environments. Her areas of expertise include economic development planning, community development finance, physical and economic resilience, and public engagement.

Alex is dedicated to leveraging bottom-up community development strategies with connections to regional resources in order to create real community-driven improvements in local opportunities and quality of life. She also prioritizes in-depth community engagement in every project, and is a co-founder of Social Agency Lab, a collaborative of urban planners and anthropologists who engage communities in creative projects and urban interventions. Alex has a BA in Anthropology from Northwestern University and a Master of Urban Planning from Harvard's Graduate School of Design.

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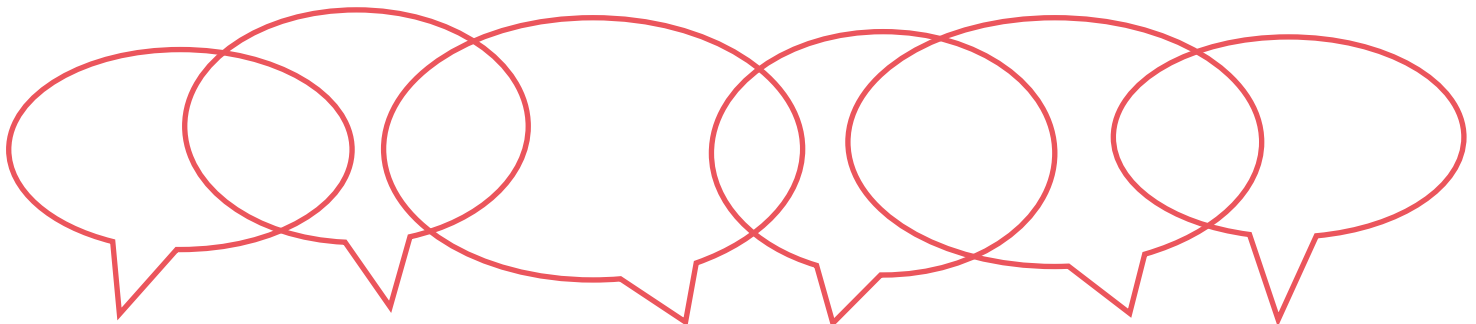
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