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2021 STATE OF DOWNTOWN

Friday, Sept, 17, 2021 at 12 p.m.





This summer, Michael Deemer was tapped to serve as the next President and CEO of Downtown Cleveland Alliance after founding President and CEO Joe Marinucci announced his retirement. This was a critical transition during a time when urban centers across the country were facing uphill battles during a challenging year. Top concerns were maintaining residential growth, boosting development, filling office space, and supporting small businesses.

SPEAKER

Michael Deemer

President and CEO,
Downtown Cleveland Alliance

MODERATOR

Dan Moulthrop

CEO,
City Club of Cleveland

Mr. Deemer joined the Downtown Cleveland Alliance in 2011 as Executive Vice President of Development, where he established the Business Development Center, a single point of contact and go-to resource for Downtown Cleveland's public and private partners. Prior to this, Mr. Deemer was the Economic Development Policy Advisor for the Ohio Governor's office, where he was instrumental in forming the Ohio Department of Development's strategic plan and shared responsibility for implementing its \$1.8 billion biennial budget.

Hear how Downtown Cleveland has fared over the last year, and the priorities that will move Downtown Cleveland forward in this new era of leadership.



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UPCOMING FORUMS

Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 12 p.m. In-Person Forum at Renaissance Cleveland Hotel Grand Ballroom **2021 State of Schools**

The annual tradition of hearing from CMSD CEO Eric S. Gordon, leader of the region's largest public school district – a district whose improvement many believe is key to the future success of our city and region.

Friday, Sept. 24 at 12 p.m. In-Person Forum **From Policy to Progress: Partnering to Create Equitable Community Development**

The influx of federal funds amid the coronavirus pandemic has reminded us of the power of a robust response to crisis, but funding is just one way government, policymakers, philanthropists and other organizations can influence how communities evolve. Thoughtful policy implemented well in our regions and communities can be the determining factor in successful, equitable community development. Over the last nine months, we've been joining with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy to celebrate their 75th anniversary with a series of forums

Friday, Oct. 1 at 12 p.m. In-Person Forum **Giving Power to Community Voice**

After two decades in community development, Timothy L. Tramble Sr. became the President and CEO of the Saint Luke's Foundation in June 2020, taking the helm of a private foundation that has been investing in the neighborhoods of Woodhill, Buckeye-Shaker, and Mount Pleasant, and throughout Cuyahoga County for over two decades. In the last year, the foundation has rolled out two initiatives that center on shifting power to those they intend on uplifting by involving the community in decision making--Lift Every Voice 216, and the Resident Advancement Committee.

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