

# A Community Forum : How the American Rescue Plan is Helping Advance Equity

📍 Urban Institute + Livestream  
🕒 July 12, 2022  
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## Schedule of Events

————— Light refreshments available at 8:00 am —————

### 8:30 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Sarah Rosen Wartell**  
President, Urban Institute

**Gene Sperling**  
White House American Rescue Plan Coordinator & Senior Advisor to the President

**Dorian Warren**  
Co-President, Community Change

**Senator Cory Booker**  
(D-NJ)

### 9:10 am Panel 1: Advancing Equity Through the American Rescue Plan

Panelists share high-level reflections on how ARP has been used to advance equity, and its broad impact on key areas, such as housing, health, education, and child care.

**Clarence Wardell**  
Chief Data and Equity Officer, ARP Implementation Team  
(Moderator)

**Tom Toch**  
Director, FutureED

**Heidi Shierholz**  
President, Economic Policy Institute

**Prentiss Haney**  
Co-Executive Director, Ohio Organizing Collaborative

**Mike Konczal**  
Director of Macroeconomic Analysis, Roosevelt Institute

### 10:10 am Remarks

**Wally Adeyemo**  
Deputy Secretary of the Treasury

**Chiquita Brooks-LaSure**  
Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

**10:30 am**

**Panel #2: Lessons from the Last Mile and A Pathway for Further Actions Towards Ensuring Equity and Support for Underserved Communities**

Panelists share strategies that have been used to connect resources to communities and individuals, and lift up ideas for further action to advance equity, focusing on unspent dollars and/or ongoing programs, strategies for improvement and barriers that still need to be addressed.

**Dorian Warren**

Co-President, Community Change

**Starsky Wilson**

President & CEO, Children’s Defense Fund

**Clarissa Doutherd**

Executive Director, Parent Voices  
Oakland

**LaNoral Thomas**

SEIU

**Erica Crawley**

County Commissioner  
Franklin County, Ohio

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**Break at 11:30 am**

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**11:45 am**

**Panel #3 Assessing Equitable Outcomes for All during the 1st Year of the American Rescue Plan**

Panelists discuss key innovations that we want to learn from and share how communities and organizations are evaluating outcomes in their contexts and ideas for evaluations that should be pursued related to the ARP Equity learning agenda.

**Rekha Balu**

Director of Federal Equity Initiatives, Co-Vice  
President, Office of Race and Equity Research, Urban  
Institute (Moderator)

**Jacob Leibenluft**

Counselor to the Secretary of the Treasury

**Cate Blackford**

Public Policy Director, Maine People’s Alliance

**Toni Preckwinkle**

President, Cook County Board of Commissioners,  
Cook County, IL

**12:20 pm**

**Closing Remarks**

**Sarah Rosen Wartell**

President, Urban Institute

**Dorian Warren**

Co-President, Community Change

**| Program Closes at 12:30 pm |**

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