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Robert Puentes is President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportation a non-profit think tank with the mission of improving transportation policy and leadership. Prior to joining Eno, he was a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program where he directed the program's Metropolitan Infrastructure Initiative. He is currently a non-resident senior fellow with Brookings. Before Brookings, Robert was the director of infrastructure programs at the Intelligent Transportation Society of America.

Robert has worked extensively on a variety of transportation issues, including infrastructure funding and finance, and city and urban planning. He is a frequent speaker to a variety of groups, a regular contributor in newspapers and other media, and has testified before Congressional committees. He holds a master's degree from the University of Virginia where he served on the Alumni Advisory Board, and was an affiliated professor with Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute.

Robert serves on a variety of boards including the Shared-Use Mobility Center, UCLA's Institute of Transportation Studies, and Young Professionals in Transportation. Recent appointments include the Federal Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity, New York State's 2100 Infrastructure Commission; the Advisory Council of the West Coast Infrastructure Exchange, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Transportation Reinvention Commission; the District of Columbia's Streetcar Financing and Governance Task Force; the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's Technical Advisory Committee; and the Falls Church, Virginia Planning Commission.



Aisha Glover

Aisha Glover joined Audible, Inc. as the VP of Urban Innovation as part of the newly launched Global Center for Urban Development. Her efforts focus on Audible's investment in advancing equitable development, racial justice and economic empowerment in its corporate hometown of Newark, N.J. and in cities worldwide. Aisha has over 15 years of experience as a convener, champion and agent for economic empowerment and social justice. She served in leadership economic development positions in the City of Newark including as President & CEO of Invest Newark under Mayor Ras Baraka, and then as President & CEO of the Newark Alliance. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hunter College of the City University of New York, a Masters of Public Administration from Baruch College of the City University of New York and an executive leadership certificate from the Columbia Business School, School of Social Enterprise.



Chris Lutick

Chris Lutick joined UPS Public Affairs in September of 2019, as Director of State Public Affairs based out of the Central Region. Chris has responsibility for public policy that affects all of UPS entities in the Central Region of the U.S. In his role, he handles issues covered at the local, state and federal levels.

Prior to joining Public Affairs, he was instrumental in developing solutions to help streamline global supply chain solutions for some of the world's largest financial firms. As the Congressional Awareness Coordinator, Chris' team is responsible for developing and fostering relationships with New York and New Jersey's twenty-eight members of congress and the four senators that align with the UPS North Atlantic District map.

Chris serves on the board of The United Way of Monmouth and Ocean County in New Jersey, and The Urban Assembly School for Global Commerce in New York City. Chris holds a degree in political science from Monmouth College.

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William M. Rodgers III is professor of public policy and chief economist at the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, and serves as the Academy's Board Chair. Rodgers also serves as Treasurer for the Institute for Women's Policy Research. He is a Non-Resident Fellow at The Century Foundation and has served in many public capacities, including on President Obama's Department of Labor transition team, and as chief economist at the US Department of Labor from 2000 to 2001. William also served on the US Board of United Way Worldwide and currently works on the Board of Trustees of McDaniel College. He just joined the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank as a Visiting Scholar.

William's expertise on compensation, pay equity, diversity and inclusion, labor market and general economic trends is frequently called upon by journalists for articles in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Fortune Magazine, The Washington Post, The Guardian, The Financial Times, and many other publications. He is a frequent guest on numerous television and radio talk shows: MSNBC, Yahoo Finance, CNBC, NPRs Marketplace, Weekend Edition, and America Amplified.

At the state level, William serves on the Governor's Restart and Recovery Commission and the Public State Bank Board. Locally, he sits on Hopewell Borough's Planning Board and Economic Development Committee.



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Courtenay Mercer is the Principal of Mercer Planning Associates, a boutique land use planning firm specializing in comprehensive planning and strategic community engagement. With substantial public and non-profit sector experience, Courtenay has overseen diverse and complex projects within all types of communities. In her current role, and as the former Director of Planning at the NJ Office of Smart Growth and NJ Director of the Regional Plan Association, Courtenay has been at the forefront of policy and planning initiatives of state and regional significance. Capitalizing on her non-profit leadership experience, organizational management skills, and planning background, Courtenay also serves as Executive Director of Downtown New Jersey - a non-profit education and advocacy organization centered around downtown revitalization. Mercer is a Trustee on the Board of the American Planning Association and was formally the President of the NJ Chapter. Courtenay has a Masters of City & Regional Planning from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University.