Benefits for Whom? Comparison of Various Community Benefits Agreements

In reaction to past failures to involve residents in the development process, Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs)¹ and Community Benefits Ordinances (CBOs)² were developed as mechanisms to guarantee community inclusion and negotiation of incremental benefits from proposed projects.³ To examine the success of CBAs in providing benefits to the community, I will compare the strengths and weaknesses of different CBAs from cities in several Midwestern cities and/or majority African American urban areas. In addition, I will evaluate the CBAs based on some being developed on a project-by-project basis and others designed as a model, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)⁴ or local ordinance. This assessment will provide additional guidance for the potential creation of a CBO in the City of Cleveland.

Effective CBAs

According to the Partnership for Working Families,⁵ the four elements needed to have an effective CBA include:

1) community interests are well-represented,

2) the CBA process is transparent, inclusive, and accessible,

3) concrete, meaningful benefits deliver what community needs, and

4) clearly defined enforcement mechanisms ensure developer accountability

To investigate the effectiveness of CBAs in bringing inclusive and equitable development, I will break down each campaign by process and outcome.

A good negotiation and implementation **process** needs:

- strong community engagement,
- representation of all community members and their interests,
- trusting relationships between public and private sector stakeholders,
- a fair and open process where all stakeholders' views are considered equally,
- upfront and strong evaluation of projects before developer receives approval and funding,
- strong monitoring and enforcement procedures
- establishment of monitoring/enforcement committees
- transparent and frequent reporting of comprehensive metrics, and
- transparent process that is shared with the community, and
- clear objectives and goals of the process.⁶

A successful **outcome** includes:

- evaluation of project and CBA goals achieved (post-construction),
- examine accuracy and transparency of data,
- evaluate ability of monitoring and enforcement committees, and its procedures, to meet deliverables,
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- assessment that benefits were received and meet the needs of the community, including public and private interests, and
- all stakeholders are being held accountable.

Brief Description of CBAs

I will provide brief descriptions of each CBA/project and then compare their ability to achieve an effective and successful process and outcomes [Note: *While highlighting past urban planning decisions and community organizing are significant to understanding the history of CBA campaigns, in the following descriptions I only focus on current events.*].

Cleveland Memorandum of Understanding Community Benefits and Inclusion (MOU) – Cleveland, OH 2013 – Remains in effect (Model CBA)

The impetus for Cleveland's Model CBA is a result of the success of the 2010 University Hospital's Project Labor Agreement (PLA)⁷ that encouraged greater diversity in the workforce and MBE (Minority Business Enterprises) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) participation; and the Fannie M. Lewis Cleveland Resident Employment Law enacted in 2004, which guaranteed 20% of workers on publicly subsidized projects over \$100,000 are "low-income" Cleveland residents. Key political leaders (e.g., Mayor Frank Jackson and Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes), prominent minority business owners, and other organizational/ business leaders within the construction industry advocated for a MOU to ensure developers make good faith efforts to hire low-income Cleveland residents and contract with MBEs on local city projects.⁸ Ultimately, the MOU goals comprise of a workforce demand study, local hire, MBE and WBE requirements, training programs, data reporting, mentor-protégé relationships, and a monitoring committee. The parties who were involved with the negotiation of the MOU include city government, business leaders, several institutional actors (e.g., Cleveland Clinic, Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C), etc.), union contractor associations, and the building trades.⁹

Due to only industry leaders being responsible for negotiating the agreement, there was limited community involvement in the creation of Cleveland's MOU. There was also little "teeth" to the agreement on account of the model CBA language lacking an enforcement mechanism and encouraging developers to make good faith efforts in reaching goals outlined in MOU. The monitoring committees were run by industry leaders and one organization, which primarily represented their members' (institutional owners) interests, was responsible for leading the effort. No community members were involved in the monitoring and implementation of the MOU. The Construction Diversity & Inclusion Committee met for a few years to monitor the enactment of the CCIP. But the committee stopped meeting for various reasons, including inadequate reporting nor participation of key stakeholders.¹⁰ There seemed to be modest gains in pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training in the trades and manufacturing for high schoolers and adults.

Atlanta Beltline Ordinance [Beltline Tax Allocation District (TAD) and BeltLine Redevelopment Plan] – Atlanta, GA 2005 – In progress (city CBO)

The Atlanta BeltLine is a *sustainable redevelopment project*, which follows an old 22-mile, Atlanta railroad line and will lead to further economic development along the route.^{11, 12} The project will connect 45 neighborhoods, take approximately 25 years to complete and is expected to cost \$2.8 billion.¹³ The project will result in "28,000 new and 5,600 affordable housing units, 30,000 permanent and 48,000 one-year construction jobs and up to \$20 billion in total projected economic development."¹⁴ Georgia Strategic Alliance for New Directions and Unified Policies (Georgia STAND-UP) pressed the City of Atlanta to enact the Atlanta Beltline Ordinance, which offers guiding principles of community benefits.¹⁵ The coalition spent months negotiating the CBO with the city, which successfully passed in 2005. The community benefits ordinance includes funding for affordable housing and other economic development needs funded by TAD bonds.¹⁶ The ordinance certifies that all projects receiving public subsidies will attach community benefits, such as prevailing wage, a first source hiring center, and training and apprenticeship programs.¹⁷

Overall, the community participated in the negotiations. But some residents found the process unfinished because certain requirements were vague and the process rushed.¹⁸ One of the limitations of the ordinance is that the goals were aspirational and not enforceable.¹⁹ Developers were encouraged to make good faith efforts, but there were no requirements or penalties for failing to meet the goals. The city council enacted a *community engagement framework* that includes quarterly briefings, study groups, design workshops, and advisory committees. A third-party non-profit agency was enacted to monitor and report data to regularly track the progress towards meeting inclusion and equity metrics. The metrics track the number and percentages of affordable housing built and rehabilitated, jobs created, businesses expanded, citizens accessing transit and trails, community events and community engagement, and green space opened and cleaned-up.²⁰ The third-party monitoring agency claimed that short-term goals are regularly being met, and there is still opportunity to achieve long-term goals. While most of the rail line is complete, the majority of muti-use trails and mixed-use development surrounding the rail line is still under construction.

Obama CBA Residential Area Affordable Housing Pilot Ordinance - Chicago, IL 2020 – In progress (city CBO)

The Obama Foundation is building a Presidential Center, on a 19.3-acre site, in Jackson Park for \$830 million.²¹ The projected expectations include the generation of 1,400 jobs and \$86M in income for South Side residents (during construction), 2,175 South Side jobs and \$81 million (annually after construction). South Side businesses are expected to gain \$339 million (during construction) and \$177 million (annually after construction).²² The South Shore and Woodlawn neighborhoods, who are concerned over displacement and ensuring residents secure economic opportunities and other community benefits from the project, created the Obama CBA Coalition. The Obama CBA Coalition, involves 50 organizations, urged the City of Chicago, University of Chicago, and Obama Foundation to sign a CBA to ensure the community benefited from the construction of the Presidential Center. Both the Obama

Foundation²³ and University declined negotiations. Over a 5-year period, there were several town hall meetings, which resulted in the city passing the Obama CBA Ordinance in September 2020. The Ordinance includes affordable housing, a community trust fund, property tax relief, local hiring requirements, and a pilot program for renters. The original legislation proposed by the community had stronger requirements, which were approved by city council members. Unfortunately, Mayor Lori Lightfoot approved a weaker version, lessening affordable housing requirements and the area the CBO applied to.²⁴

While the community is involved with the implementation of the CBO, it still must organize to ensure community needs are being met and parties are abiding by legislation. For example, over a two-year period, the city had yet to select which vacant lots would be deemed affordable. In August 2022, the Obama CBA Coalition successfully organized and pressured the city to put aside 20 (less than half of the total) vacant lots for housing near the Obama Center.²⁵ The Obama Foundation reports regularly on construction-related goals and has, thus far, met both the MBEs and local workforce utilization goals. But it is too early to make a judgement on whether the city or other relevant agencies are monitoring the housing piece. There have been roughly ten community meetings related to housing for Woodlawn residents, but South Shore residents are not included in similar discussions on housing and displacement.

Detroit's Community Benefits Ordinance [Proposal B] – Detroit, MI 2016 – Remains in effect (Model CBA)

During the 2016 elections, Detroit residents had the opportunity to vote for two types of Community Benefits Ordinance. It was the first city CBO in the nation. After several years, the "Rise Together Detroit" coalition successfully petitioned city council to put Proposal A on the ballot. Proposal A, being stronger, required developers to enter CBA negotiations directly with community members for any publicly funded or incentivized development projects over \$15 million or when developers received \$300,000 in public dollars. In Proposal A, the CBA was legally enforceable, the agreements required local hire and MBE goals, and both the city and community members could legally enforce and monitor each CBA.²⁶ In response to this ordinance, some business and city leaders proposed a *weaker* Community Benefits Ordinance for Detroit residents to vote on.²⁷ Proposal B raised the amount to when a CBA would be prompted and reduced the authority the community had in the decision-making process. Proposal B received over 50% of the votes compared to Proposal A, which received approximately 40% of the votes.²⁸ Proposal B requires developers to enter CBA negotiations directly with community members for any Tier 1 projects over \$75 million or when developers must work with the city and other relevant agencies to prioritize hiring low-income residents and address issues raised by the community impacted by the project.

The community was involved with creating Proposal A, but were not included in designing Proposal B. Proposal B limits the community's power to be at the table by making it more difficult to have equal control over urban planning decisions; and little transparency due to several projects being unable to meet requirements that trigger a CBA.²⁹ There is a lack of inclusion of city

residents due to the city having control over the process, such as choosing which community residents are represented.³⁰ In Proposal B, only the city has authority to legally enforce agreements, and developers are not required to enter negotiations with the community. The CBO established (1) an advisory committee to create a Community Benefits package and collect community input on projects that affect their neighborhood, and (2) an enforcement committee which monitors whether developers are meeting incentives outlined in the Community Benefits Provision. Over 10 projects met the CBO threshold, which led to thousands of residents participating in the planning process, and sharing their ideas with various advisory committees and at community meetings.³¹

Park East Redevelopment Compact (PERC) – Milwaukee, WI 2004 – In progress (county CBO)

With the demolition of the Park East freeway, 64 acres, in total, were available for redevelopment in downtown Milwaukee.³² The development was built over three phases, and includes the construction of parking structures, apartments, retail or office space, and entertainment venues. In the first phase the Bucks arena was built, during the second phase a hotel was erected, and the third phase included the construction of an outdoor plaza.³³ The Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods Coalition – made up of several organizations, including the painters union, Sierra Club, Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope, and Milwaukee County Labor Council - held a number of community meetings.³⁴ They rallied for the City of Milwaukee to create a community benefit ordinance for the Park East Corridor, but the Common Council rejected it.^{35, 36} Although there was opposition from developers and the County Executive, who at the time was Scott Walker, the coalition successfully pressured the county to pass the ordinance. PERC mandated that developers meet requirements in agreement for each county-owned parcel (16 acres, in total).³⁷ The PERC created a fund to achieve sustainable and equitable development of the Park East corridor, such as capital for minority and small businesses. The PERC guaranteed MBE/WBE and local hire goals, affordable housing, prevailing wage for construction work, and environmental justice. It encouraged employers to make good faith efforts to hire workers of color from the county, formed an advisory committee for monitoring, and created a mechanism to report employment data.^{38, 39, 40}

The community was involved in the process, but when the city would not implement the ordinance, they went to the county where their advocacy work was successful. While developers were not in favor of PERC, part of the county ordinance required developers to meet ordinance requirements and provide annual reports for monitoring. The advisory committee met for the first 5-6 years after implementation of the ordinance, but due to the 2008 recession little development was completed during those years. While the committee oversaw limited monitoring of the overall development projects, developers did follow through with ordinance requirements.⁴¹ Developers were required to provide yearly reports, but there were no consequences for failing to meet goals. The majority of construction projects were completed around 2018, but several vacant lots remain undeveloped. More local job seekers are going through pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs for construction-related trades than before.⁴²

Community Collaboration and Implementation Plan (CCIP) - Pittsburgh, PA

2018 – In progress (project-by-project basis)

In the early 2000s, the Pittsburgh Penguins wanted to play in a new venue so the Civic Arena (a.k.a. the Igloo) was demolished and a new arena built in an adjacent lot. To assure the community benefited from the new Civic Arena, the One Hill Coalition – comprising roughly 100 community organizations - negotiated a CBA with the Penguins and the city. The agreement was signed in August 2008 and it was the first CBA in the City of Pittsburgh. One of the benefits in the agreement was a 10-year master development plan, which was later used to come up with demands for a new CBA. Stemming from this work, a new coalition formed to promote a Community Collaboration Implementation Plan (CCIP) or CBA for the redevelopment of the 28-acre site of the former Civic Arena. The CCIP was negotiated between city officials, the Hill Community Development Corporation (CDC), and the Penguins. The benefits of the CCIP include an advisory committee, MBE and WBE goals, local hire, affordable housing, and wealth building and cultural legacy initiatives.

The One Hill CBA used a democratic process to create a list of demands to be included in the agreement. On the other hand, the CCIP lacked community engagement because it was strictly negotiated between key negotiators who were government and business leaders.⁴³ With construction only beginning, the outcomes are mixed and incomplete. An advisory committee meets regularly to oversee implementation and monitoring of the CCIP. The Hill CDC filed a lawsuit against the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Arena Real Estate Redevelopment team (PAR)⁴⁴ for not abiding by the CCIP. The city and PAR were found responsible for not complying with the CCIP and as a result the Hill CDC secured a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) district, which is an investment fund for the Hill District. The Greater Hill District Neighborhood Reinvestment (GHDNRF) funds will be used towards meeting CCIP goals. There is an advisory committee to oversee the allocation of the LERTA funds. The CCIP requirements are voluntary so there is little accountability on behalf of the developers to follow through with the agreement. Buccini/Pollin (BPG), the developer, has been collecting data but it is not routinely reported or easily accessible.

Full Description - Process & Outcomes of CBAs & CBOs							
City (Year CBA began) Project status	Cleveland (2013) <i>Remains in effect</i>	Atlanta (2005) In progress	Chicago (2020) In progress	Detroit (2016) <i>Remains in effect</i>	Milwaukee (2004) In progress	Pittsburgh (2018) In progress	
Project Scale	Large-scale development projects within the City of Cleveland	22-mile multi-use transit loop, including light rail and sidewalks. ⁴⁵	The Obama Presidential Center will be constructed on a 19.3-acre site	Large-scale development projects within the City of Detroit	64-acre mixed-use redevelopment site	28-acre mixed-use redevelopment site	
Name - Type of CBA	Cleveland's Memorandum of Understanding Regarding	Atlanta Beltline Ordinance [Beltline Tax Allocation District (TAD) and	Obama CBA Residential Area Affordable Housing Pilot Ordinance –	Detroit's Community Benefits Ordinance [Proposal B] – city	Park East Redevelopment Compact (PERC) – county CBO	Community Collaboration and Implementation Plan (CCIP) –	

	Community	BeltLine	city CBO	СВО		project-by-project
	Benefits and	Redevelopment				basis
	Inclusion (MOU) – Model CBA	Plan] – city CBO				
CBA Benefits/	MOU goals	The community	The Ordinance	Proposal B requires	PERC mandated	The demands in the
Requirements	contained a	benefits ordinance	includes 30%	developers to enter	that developers	CCIP, originated
Requirements	workforce demand	includes funding for	affordable housing	CBA negotiations	meet requirements	from ideas in the
	study, MBE and	affordable housing	at 50% Area	directly with	in agreement for	master plan. The
	WBE requirements,	and other economic	Median Income	community	each county-owned	master plan was one
	pre-apprenticeship	development needs	(AMI) on 25% of	members for any	parcel (16 acres, in	of the benefits
	and full-	funded by TAD	city-owned vacant	Tier 1 projects,	total). ⁵¹ The PERC	included in the One
	apprenticeship	bonds. The	land (52 vacant	which are publicly	created a fund to	Hill CBA, was
	programs,	ordinance certifies	lots); community	funded or	achieve sustainable	developed by
	workforce	that all projects	trust fund and	incentivized	and equitable	resident input at a
	reporting, mentor-	receiving public	property tax relief	development	development of the	series of community
	protégé	subsidies will attach	to assist with	projects over \$75	Park East corridor,	meetings. The
	relationships, and a	community	purchasing,	million or when	such as capital for	benefits of the
	Construction	benefits, such as	refinancing, or	developers receive	minority and small	CCIP include an
	Diversity and	prevailing wage, a	rehabilitating	\$1 million in public	businesses. The	advisory
	Inclusion	first source hiring	homes and	dollars. Tier 2	PERC guaranteed	committee; 30%
	Committee. ⁴⁶	center, and training	apartment	projects do not meet	25% Disadvantage	MBE and 15%
		and apprenticeship	buildings; local	the criteria for Tier	Business	WBE goals; 20% local and minority
		programs.47	hiring requirements for developments	1 and are seeking public support for a	Enterprises (DBE) and MBE goals, a	hire; 20%
			that receive city-	project costing at	5% WBE goal, 20-	inclusionary units
			owned land; and a	least \$3 million. For	25% local hire goal,	on development
			Tenant Right of	Tier 2 projects,	affordable housing	site; and wealth
			First refusal pilot	developers must	for 20% of the total	building and
			program for larger	work with the city	new housing units,	cultural legacy
			apartment	and other relevant	prevailing wage for	initiatives. ⁵⁵
			buildings. ^{48,49}	agencies to	construction work,	
			C	prioritize hiring	and green space and	
				low-income	design. It	
				residents and	encouraged	
				address issues	employers to make	
				raised by the	good faith efforts to	
				community	hire workers of	
				impacted by the	color from the	
				project.	county, formed an	
				In Proposal B only	advisory committee	

				the city has authority to legally enforce agreements, and developers are not required to enter negotiations with the community. ⁵⁰	for monitoring, and created a mechanism to report employment data. ^{52,53,54}	
Fairness & Effectiveness of Negotiation Process	Limited community involvement in the creation of Cleveland's MOU due to industry leaders being responsible for negotiating agreement.	Overall, the community was involved in the negotiations. Some residents found that the process was unfinished because certain requirements were vague and the process too quick. ⁵⁶	The city and other related agencies invited the community to create the legislation. The original proposed legislation had stronger requirements, which were approved by several city council members, but Mayor Lori Lightfoot approved a diminished version. ⁵⁷ The approved version lessens the area for which the CBA applies to and reduced affordable housing requirements.	The community was involved with creating Proposal A, but was not included in designing Proposal B. Proposal B limits the community's power to be at the table by making it more difficult to have equal control over urban planning decisions.	The community was involved in the process, and when the city would not implement the ordinance, they went to the county were their advocacy work was successful.	The negotiation of the CCIP restricted community engagement because the key negotiators were government and business leaders. ⁵⁸
Implementation Process – Community Engagement	There was little "teeth" to the agreement due to model CBA language that encouraged	One of the limitations of the ordinance is that the goals were aspirational and not enforceable. ⁵⁹	The community is involved with the implementation of the CBO, but still must organize to ensure community	Proposal B maintains business- as-usual. ⁶⁴ The CBO is not legally enforceable.	While developers were not in favor of PERC, part of the county ordinance required developers to meet ordinance	With construction only beginning, the outcomes are mixed and incomplete. The Hill CDC filed

developers to make	Developers were	needs are met.	There is a lack of	requirements and	a lawsuit against the
good faith efforts in	encouraged to make		inclusion of city	provide annual	City of Pittsburgh
reaching goals	good faith efforts,	Over a two-year	residents due to the	reports for	and the Pittsburgh
outlined in MOU.	but there were no	period, the city had	city having control	monitoring.	Arena Real Estate
	requirements or	yet to select which	over the process,	U	Redevelopment
Limited community	penalties for failing	vacant lots would	such as choosing		team (PAR) for not
engagement	to meet the goals.	be deemed	which community		abiding by the
because committees	C	affordable. In	residents are		CCIP. The city and
were run by	The city council	August 2022, the	represented.65		PAR were found
industry leaders and	enacted a	Obama CBA	1		responsible for not
one organization,	community	Coalition	The city council		complying with the
which primarily	engagement	successfully	denied an		CCIP and as a result
represented their	framework that	organized and	amendment to		the Hill CDC
members'	includes quarterly	pressured the city to	lower the threshold		secured a Local
(institutional	briefings, study	put aside 20 vacant	for when CBAs are		Economic
owners) interests,	groups	lots for housing	applied but		Revitalization Tax
was responsible for	(representing five	near the Obama	approved an		Assistance
leading the effort.	areas along the	Center – under half	amendment to		(LERTA) district,
Ŭ	BeltLine), design	of the total vacant	increase the number		which is an
Gains in pre-	workshops, and two	lots. ⁶¹	of public meetings		investment fund for
apprenticeship and	advisory		for a project from		the Hill District.
apprenticeship	committees - the	As of October 2022,	one to five. ⁶⁶		The Greater Hill
training in the	Affordable Housing	nine community			District
trades and	Advisory Board and	engagement and			Neighborhood
manufacturing for	the TAD Advisory	planning sessions			Reinvestment
high schoolers and	Committee. ⁶⁰	with Chicago's			(GHDNRF) funds
adults.		Department of			will be used
		Housing were held			towards meeting
		for Woodlawn			CCIP goals.
		residents to learn			_
		about and respond			Developers also
		to urban planning			need to go through
		decisions related to			the DRP process ⁶⁷
		housing.62 South			for each block in
		Shore residents			the Lower Hill
		were included in			redevelopment area,
		terms of workforce			including any other
		and business			development in the
		development but			Hill that is seeking
		left out of			public subsidies or

			protections from displacement and			incentives. Consequently, this
			inclusion of			means the
			affordable			community and
			housing.63			community-based
						organizations must
						advocate for
						benefits for each
						block.
Monitoring &	The Construction	As part of the	The Obama	The Detroit CBO	The Community	The Executive
Enforcement	Diversity &	ordinance, the	Foundation seems	established a	Advisory	Management
Mechanisms	Inclusion	Atlanta Beltline	to do well at	Neighborhood	Committee for	Committee meets
	Committee met for	Partnership, a non-	monitoring their	Advisory Council (NAC), which	PERC was adopted for the first 5-6	regularly, which was formed as an
	a few years to monitor the	profit organization, was created to track	goals.	(NAC), which includes 9	years after	advisory committee
	enactment of the	meeting inclusion	It is too early to	members: 2 elected	implementation of	to oversee
	CCIP. Committee	and equity metrics,	make a judgement	residents of the	the ordinance. Due	implementation and
	members comprised	such as affordable	on whether the city	impacted area, 4	to the 2008	monitoring of the
	of business leaders	housing, economic	or other relevant	members selected	recession little	CCIP.
	in the construction	development, transit	agencies are	by the City of	development was	cent.
	industry. The	access, inclusion,	monitoring the	Detroit Planning	completed during	The GHDNRF
	committee stopped	and quality of life.	housing piece.	and Development	those years. While	Advisory
	meeting for various	1 5		Department, and 3	committee oversaw	Committee meets
	reasons, one of			members appointed	limited monitoring	regularly to make
	which was due to			by council	of the overall	suggestions on how
	inadequate			members.68 The	development	to appropriately use
	reporting.			NAC procedure	projects, developers	funds and monitor
				includes developer	did follow through	the Lower Hill
				presentations,	with ordinance	LERTA.
				working sessions,	requirements.69	
				and community		
				feedback and input		
				to create a		
				Community		
				Benefits Package.		
				The provisions are		
				then submitted to		
				city council to		
Transparency &	Due to a lack of	The third-party non-	Since construction	approve. The CBO	The City of	There is limited
ransparency &	Due to a fack of	The unru-party non-	Since construction			There is infinited

Reporting	enforcement, there	profit monitors and	began in August	establishes an	Milwaukee	transparency
Outcomes	were significant	reports goals	2021, the Obama	Enforcement	describes the	because each
	challenges to	regularly.	Foundation reports	Committee of a	different projects	stakeholder accuses
	reporting. Since	Atlanta Beltline	regularly.	minimum of five	completed as part of	another stakeholder
	developers were not	Partnership reported	As of August 24,	government	the PERC, but the	of spreading
	required to meet	(as of November	2022, the Obama	officials from	specific data	misinformation
	goals, many failed	2022):	Foundation reported	various departments	showcasing jobs,	about the
	to report workforce	88% of the 22 miles	52% Minority	and one NAC	housing, etc. are not	development
	participation data.	of rail transit were	Business	member. The	readily available.	process to the
	While a few	achieved and 40%	Enterprises (MBE)	committee conducts		community.
	developers did	of the 33 miles of	vendors; 32% local	biannual		
	report data, there	multi-use transit	hire from Chicago's	compliance reports		Buccini/Pullin
	were several	trails; 48% of the	South and West	and annual		Group (BPG) has
	inconsistencies or	50,000 permanent	Sides; and 158 city	meetings to monitor		collected data for
	categories left out,	jobs have been	residents placed in	whether developers		workforce and
	which made it	attained; 83% of the	skilled trade jobs	are meeting		MBE/WBE
	difficult to fully	\$10 billion in	across the city.72	incentives outlined		participation, but
	analyze data and	economic		in the Community		the reporting is not
	compare results	development has		Benefits Provision.		easily accessible.
	with data from	been reached; 36%				As of July 2022,
	other development	of the 1,100 acres in		While the reporting		BPG has obtained
	projects. ⁷⁰	environmental		mechanisms are		27% minority and
		devastation has		worthy, there is		3% female
		been cleaned up;		little transparency		construction work
		56% of the 5,600		of the project due to		hours, and 22%
		units of affordable		many projects not		MBE and 8% WBE
		housing has been		meeting the		for constructing
		attained; over 450		requirements that		FNB Financial
		public art displays;		trigger using the		Center – which is
		and 31% of the		CBO.		less than a quarter
		1,300 new green				complete. ⁷³
		spaces have been				-
		reached. ⁷¹				
Accountability	There was little	With a third-party	The Obama	As of April 2022,	Developers seem to	The CCIP
•	accountability on	agency monitoring	Foundation are held	11 projects have	be held accountable	requirements are
	behalf of all	the ordinance	accountable by	met CBO	because they were	voluntary so there is
	stakeholders	requirements and	requirements in the	guidelines, 111	required to provide	little accountability
	involved.	community	CBO.	residents have	yearly reports, but	on behalf of the
		engagement, it		served on NACs, 80	they only needed to	developers to
		seems that all		community	make good faith	follow through with

		stakeholders are being held accountable.		meetings have been held, and over 1,000 residents have participated in the process. ⁷⁴	efforts to meet goals. There were no consequences for failing to meet goals.	agreement requirements. As a side note, BPG failed the DRP process with the Hill CDC. BPG has yet to go back to the Hill CDC to seek approval. BPG did receive approval for the project from another community- based organization and by Pittsburgh's development agencies. ⁷⁵
Benefits – Meet Needs of Community	There seems to be modest gains for achieving a more diverse workforce in the construction industry as well as meeting higher utilization goals for MBEs and WBEs. The County of Cuyahoga came out with their 2022 Equity Commission Report, which showed a total of 14% of SBEs (Small Business Enterprises), MBEs, and WBEs were awarded contracts in 2021. From 2012-2021, MBEs were awarded 2% of contracts	With 88% of the rail transit complete, it is slightly concerning that less than half of the workforce participation goals have been achieved, but the Atlanta BeltLine does claim they regularly meet short-term goals. ⁷⁷ With the majority of the multi-use trails and mixed-use development surrounding the rail line still under construction, there is opportunity to reach workforce, affordable housing, and green space	After a year of construction, the Obama Foundation has met both the MBEs and local workforce utilization goals. It remains to be seen if this will continue till 2025, and whether local residents will be displaced once the center officially opens.	Examples of benefits for specific projects involve: <u>Fisher Loft 21</u> - Redeveloping the Fisher Body Plant 21 into a housing complex. After the community engagement process, the city agreed to 20% affordable housing at 80% Area Median Income (AMI). However, the Detroit People's Platform found that the rent at 80% AMI is still unaffordable. At 80% AMI it would cost \$52,000 a year to rent at Fisher	The majority of construction ended around 2018 with vacant lots still needing to be developed. More local job seekers are going through pre- apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs for construction-related trades compared to prior to the CBO. ⁸¹ In connection to PERC, the Milwaukee Bucks and the Alliance for Good Jobs Coalition entered into a CBA in 2016	One of the demands in the CCIP is affordable housing, and thus far no development has included housing, except for one proposal that was later withdrawn. There have been average results in terms of achieving MBE/WBE and workforce utilization goals, but the development area is in the beginning stages and needs to address other needs of the community and meet requirements of the

(totaling \$9.5	goals.		Loft 21 so roughly	that focuses on	CCIP.
million), WBEs	Bombi		\$1,200 - \$1,300 a	permanent jobs	cont
were awarded 4%			month, but residents	after construction.	
(totaling \$23.9			around the impacted	The benefits include	
million), and SBEs			area make \$30,000	a first source hiring	
awarded 12%			a year on average. ⁷⁸	center, at least half	
(\$70.9M); while			,	of employees in the	
Non-			Michigan Central -	entertainment area	
SBE/MBE/WBEs			Ford bought the	will come from	
were awarded 82%			Michigan Central	local low-income	
of contracts			Station to create an	neighborhoods and	
(totaling \$474.2			innovation hub for	will be paid a living	
million). ⁷⁶			the future of	wage, and	
			mobility. The NAC	employees have the	
			approved a CBA	right to collectively	
			that includes	bargain. ⁸²	
			affordable housing		
			requirements,		
			upgrades to green		
			space, funding for		
			workforce		
			development and		
			training programs, a		
			hiring hall for local		
			residents, and		
			community		
			engagement on		
			innovative		
			transportation pilot		
			projects and		
			planning process.79		
			Pistons Training		
			<u>Facility</u> – The new		
			training facility will		
			create 250 jobs		
			geared towards		
			mostly local		
			residents, and will		
			fund community		

	recreation facilities and services, such	
	as the construction	
	of 60 outdoor	
	basketball courts	
	and a skate park. ⁸⁰	

Summary of Findings

Each of the CBAs (listed above) have strengths and weaknesses we can learn from. One positive is the opportunity for citizens to raise views about proposed development projects, and have their needs and concerns heard by the city and developers. The level of community involvement and engagement during the negotiation and implementation stages varies. Nearly all CBA campaigns have either government-led meetings or meetings held by community-based organizations where residents can attend and give their input on the potential impact of a proposed development. The process is rarely fair and effective because while coalitions and community leaders are included in negotiations, for the most part, there is still a power differential between community residents and business and political leaders. Coalitions, especially ones made up of several organizations, have greater political power organizing together; but sometimes their influence is finite. As an example, large coalitions in Milwaukee, Chicago, and Detroit advocated for a CBA, but local government hindered the strength of the CBA. In Detroit, the coalition lost in the elections to business leaders who were promoting a weaker CBO. On the other hand, negotiations for CBAs in Cleveland and Pittsburgh had less community representation compared to the others, because the parties involved were business and government leaders. Although negotiations with only elite stakeholders can still produce strong community benefits, excluding the community in the process will most likely diminish the effectiveness of the CBA in meeting the needs of the community.

In assessing CBA outcomes, it is necessary to examine transparency, reporting, monitoring and enforcement, and accountability. Most agreements include workforce development and MBE/WBE business initiatives, an affordable housing piece, and an element of environmental justice. Due to lack of reporting, including community's responses to the CBA's overall results, it is difficult to assess whether the CBA did in fact benefit the local community. The Atlanta Beltline and the Obama Presidential Center were the only CBAs to include accessible reporting on reaching goals from the agreement. The Atlanta Beltline Racial Equity Plan included an extensive equity and inclusion metrics, like the metrics designed to track the City of St. Louis' economic development framework. In 2020, the city commissioned the St. Louis Development Corporation to design an equitable economic growth plan, which utilizes various data sources to track goals. The metrics measure the rate of growth, equity and diversity in good (middle-class) jobs, diverse entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship opportunities, job and population retention, poverty rates, vacant lands, displacement, and community representation.⁸³

Each CBA had some form of advisory committee to monitor and/or implement the agreement. The committee's results varied depending on timing, capacity, and elements outside their control. For instance, it was difficult for Milwaukee's advisory committee to monitor the implementation of the agreement when construction was halted due to a recession. Detroit's CBO established both a Neighborhood Advisory Committee and an Enforcement Committee to implement community benefit provisions more effectively. However, the downside with Detroit's CBA is that less projects will be able to qualify for CBAs because the project requirements are extremely high. Lastly, all CBAs encourage developers to make good faith efforts to achieve CBA goals, meaning parties cannot enforce or penalize developers for underperforming. When institutional leaders in communities, such as in Cleveland, are willing to adopt CBAs and other similar initiatives, that bodes well for the success of the CBA. But there also needs to be a cultural shift, where all stakeholders - including developers - express support for community benefits to have diversity, equity, and inclusion in development, the workforce and entrepreneurship.

In this article, I described and examined the process and outcomes for various CBAs. I discussed what worked and did not work in a handful of CBAs in the Midwest. This information will be examined more thoroughly in an upcoming article discussing the principles likely to produce effective CBAs in the future.

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Zuckerman, David. 2013. *Hospitals Building Healthier Communities: Embracing the Anchor Mission*. The Democracy Collaborative. Takoma Park, MD. ⁸ The impetus for Cleveland's Model CBA is a result of the success of the 2010 University Hospital's Project Labor Agreement (PLA) ⁸ that encouraged greater diversity in the workforce and MBE (Minority Business Enterprises) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) participation. And the Fannie M. Lewis Cleveland Resident Employment Law enacted in 2004, which guaranteed 20% of workers on publicly subsidized projects over \$100,000 are low-income Cleveland residents.

⁹ The following parties signed the MOU: the City of Cleveland, MBEs (e.g., Ozanne Construction Company, McTech Corporation, Coleman-Spohn Corporation, JWT&A LLC), Construction Employers Association (CEA), Hispanic Roundtable, Hard Hatted Women, Cuyahoga Community College, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Urban League of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council (CBTC), and several institutional actors (e.g., Cleveland Clinic, Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C), etc.).

¹⁰ While developers were not required to report workforce and MBE/WBE participation goals in the MOU, developers were mandated to report data due to CBOs. Developers were required to report workforce participation goals on projects exceeding \$100,000 due to the Fannie Lewis law (prior to it being ceased in 2019). Developers are also required to meet MBE/WBE utilization goals - 15% for MBEs and 7% for WBEs - on projects exceeding \$100,000 in the City of Cleveland. The Mayor's Office of Equal Opportunity regularly monitors contracting goals and releases annual reports.

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¹³ PowerSwitch Action. 2022. "Policy Toolkit: Community Benefits Agreements." https://www.powerswitchaction.org/resources/community-benefits-agreements#examples.

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