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# **Pandemic Resilience**

## **Reinventing Public Governance**

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- **What is pandemic resilience?**
- **How does pandemic resilience change the definition of good governance?**
- **How can mayors achieve the integration of perspective needed for good governance?**



COVID-19 has been a test of public governance with often surprising results.

**Looking back at your city's response, what have you learned about your city's strengths and vulnerabilities?**

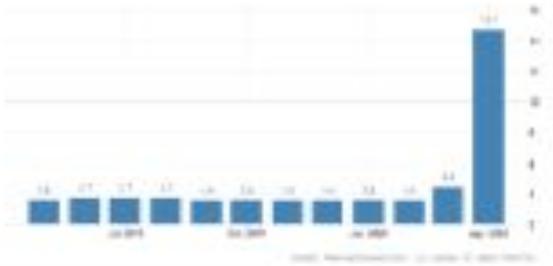


**What is pandemic resilience?**

# COVID-19, Police Brutality, and Existential Threats

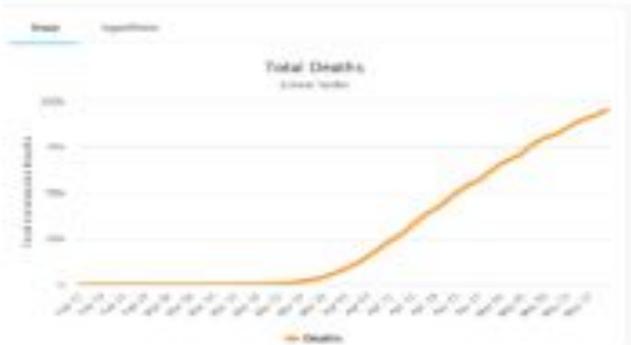
**14.7%**

Unemployment



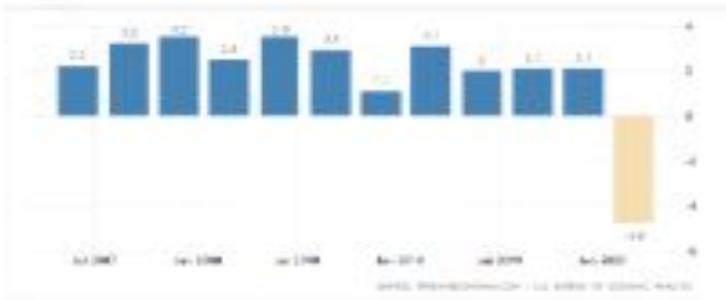
**110,171**

Dead



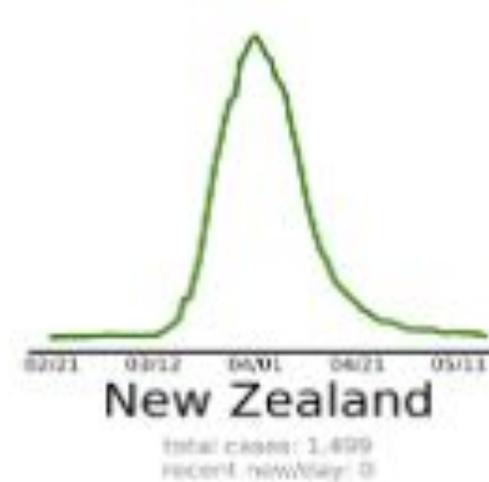
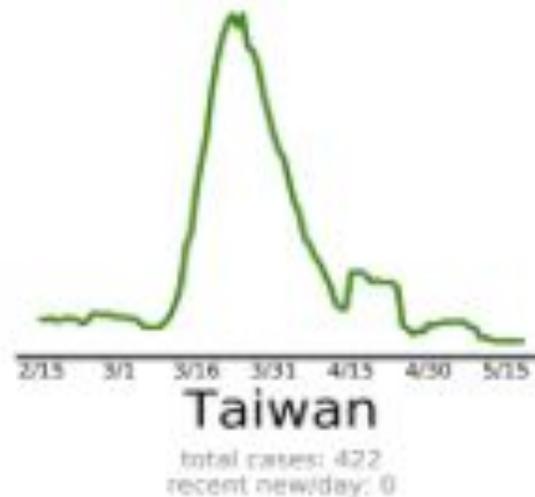
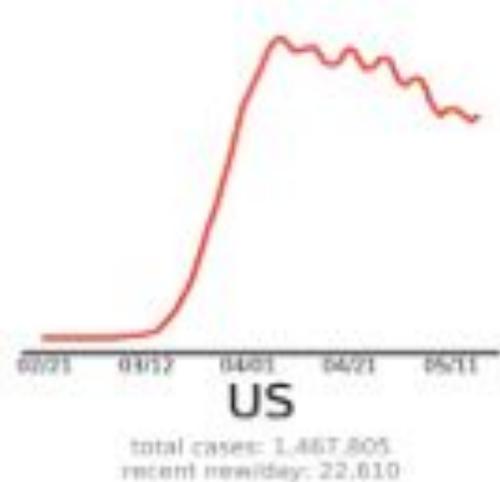
**-4.8%**

Q1 GDP growth rate



# Contrasting Responses to Pandemic

Suppress the Virus through TTSI (Testing, Tracing, and Supported Isolation) until the United States is a “Green Zone”, like Taiwan, New Zealand, and South Korea



- fully opened economy
- sporting events, schools, church, and other large gatherings
- voluntary masks (except for those interacting with vulnerable populations)

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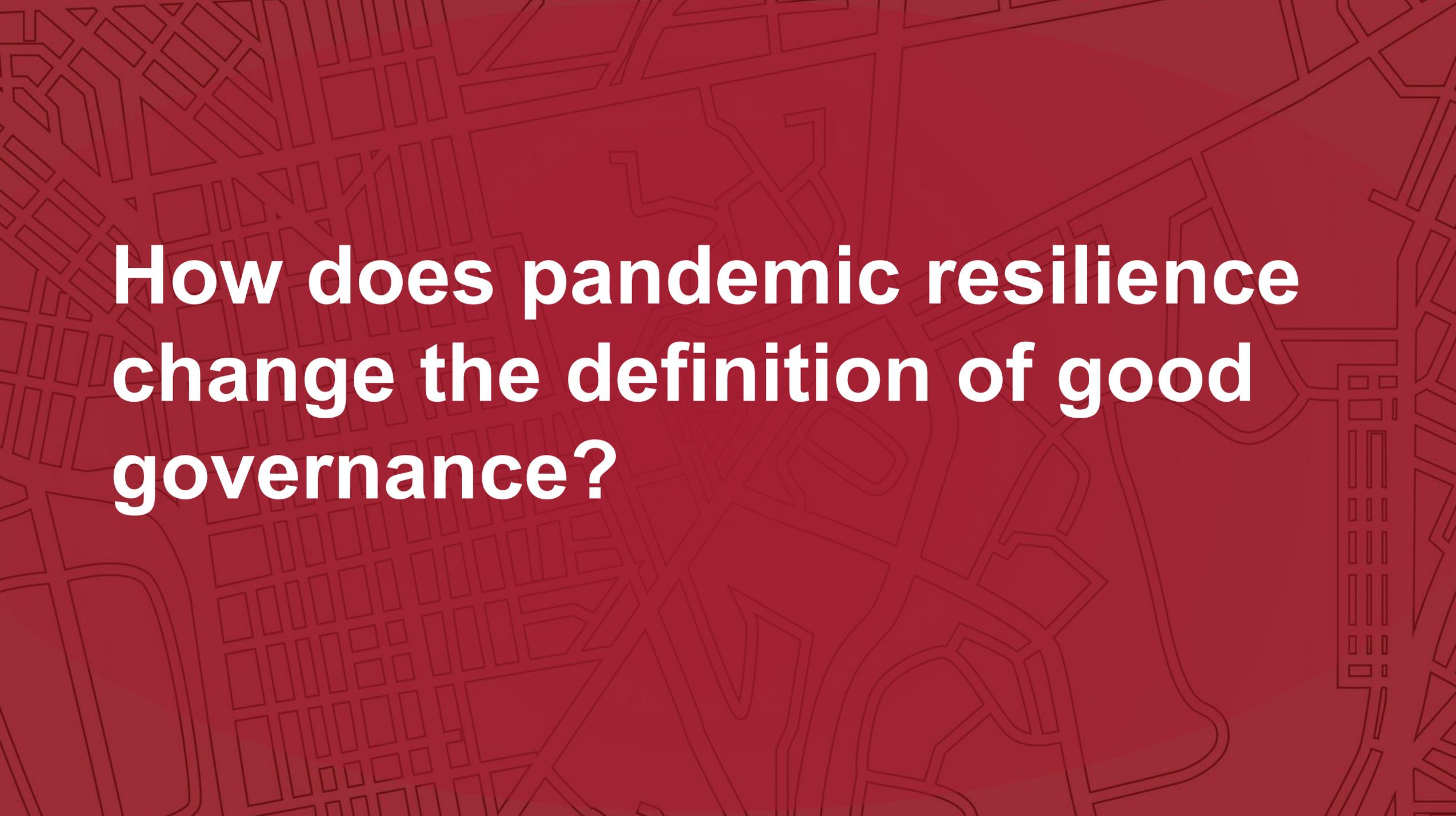
## More die in US police custody

The rate of in-custody deaths in the United States is more than double Australia's and about six times the United Kingdom's



# Pandemic Resilience Is . . .

- The capacity of a society to successfully overcome existential threats to health and well-being (including the economic foundations thereof) by tapping into the resources of solidarity flowing from a healthy social contract.
- A healthy social contract rests on the proposition that you don't abandon anyone.



**How does pandemic resilience  
change the definition of good  
governance?**

# Justice and Good Governance

	Regime category	Basic material security
Well-ordered regimes	Democracies and Decent Authoritarian Regimes	Y
Outlaw regimes	Non-decent, rights-violating regimes	N

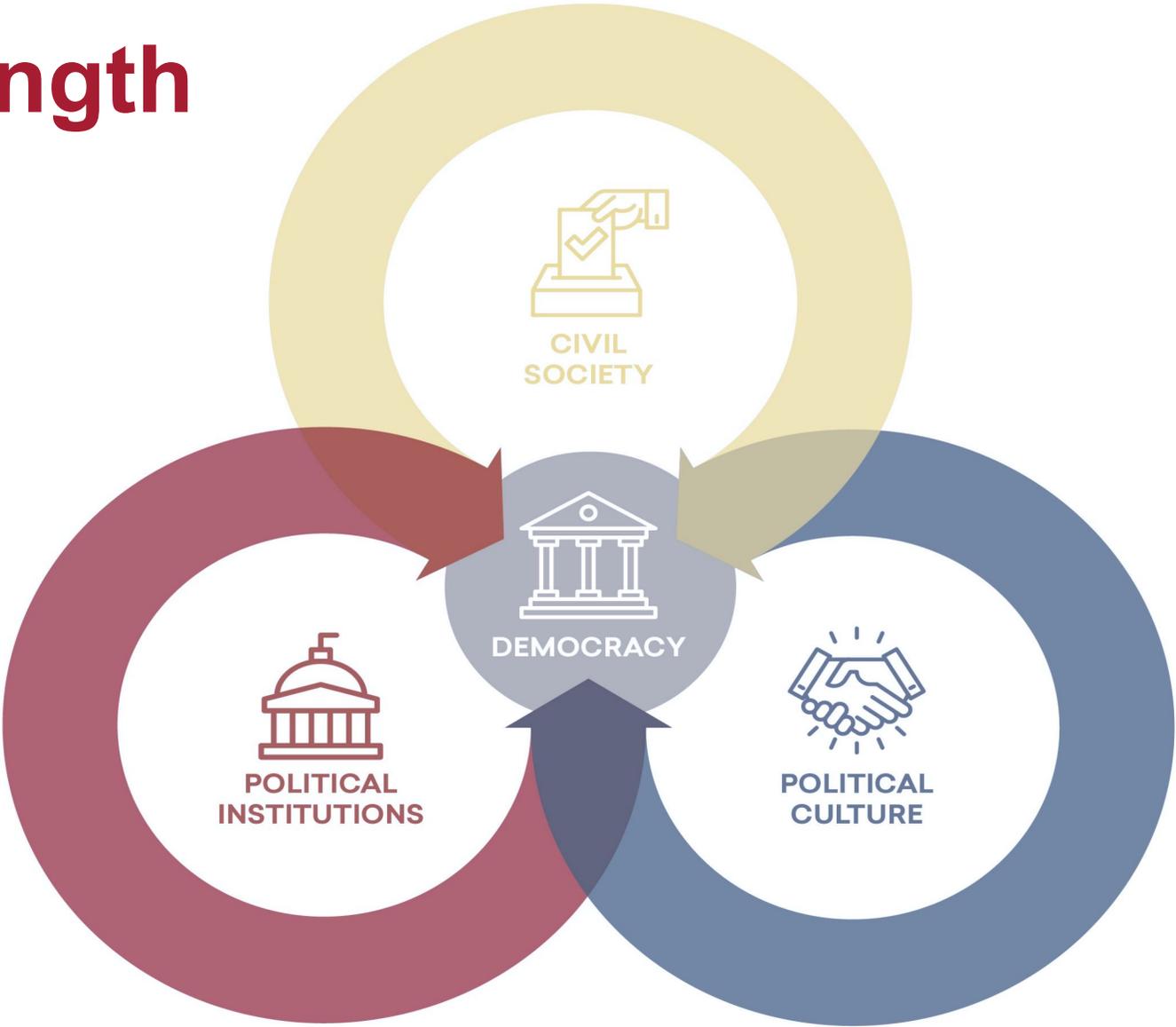
# Diversity of the World's Regime Types: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Frame

	Regime category	Basic material security	Negative liberties/ rights	Positive liberties/ rights	Social rights
<b>Well-ordered regimes</b>	Egalitarian Participatory Democracy	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Constitutional Democracy	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Rights-protecting autocratic regimes	Y	Y	N	Y
	Material well-being protecting authoritarian/autocratic regimes	Y	N	N	Y
<b>Outlaw regimes</b>	Non-decent, rights-violating regimes	N	N	N	N

# Diversity of the World's Regime Types: *21<sup>st</sup> Century Frame*

	Regime category	Basic material security	Negative liberties/ rights	Positive liberties/ rights	Social rights	Social Equality / non-discrimination
<b>Well-ordered regimes</b>	Egalitarian Participatory Democracy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Constitutional Democracy	Y	Y	Y	Y	?
	Rights-protecting autocratic regimes	Y	Y	N	Y	?
	Material well-being protecting authoritarian/autocratic regimes	Y	N	N	Y	?
<b>Outlaw regimes</b>	Non-decent, rights-violating regimes	N	N	N	N	N

# Civic Strength



# Four Key Features of Democratic Governance

- Integrative policy-making and judgment
- Public education
- Healthy social contract via negative and positive liberties protection
- Healthy social contract via social rights, social equality, and non-discrimination

**These four features of democracy come together in the need for governance via the creation of common purpose.**

# Key elements of paradigm change

**Critical resources redefined**

To include effective governance and solidarity

**Competitiveness redefined**

Not just economic security and public safety but civic strength

**Economic foundations redefined**

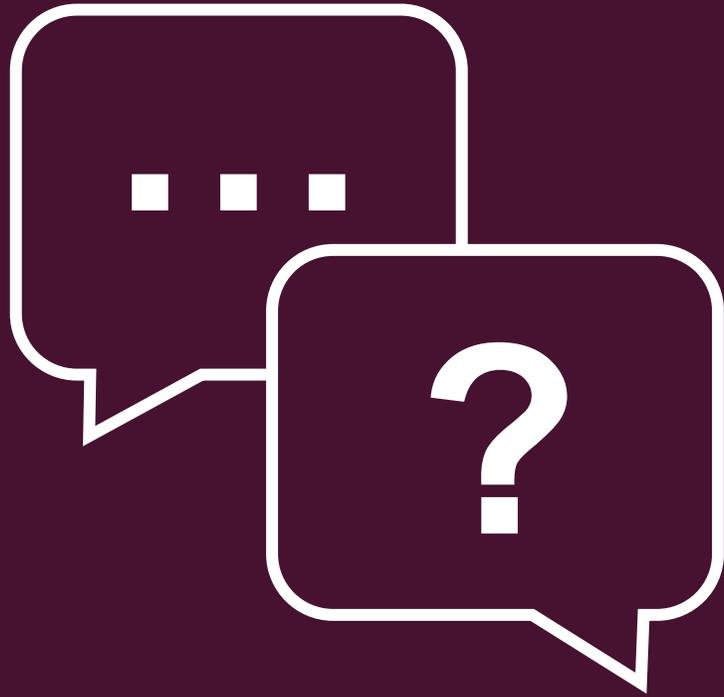
As care and prosperity, bases of health and well-being, not ends in themselves

**Disparate impact redefined**

As a source of vulnerability for all



**How can mayors achieve the  
integration of perspective  
needed for good governance?**



**As you prepare for social and economic recovery, where do you, as a mayor, see opportunities to create more solidarity and a healthier social contract?**

# A short check list for good governance

- Social Contract: Lead with the democratic values of justice, health, and inclusion
- Integrate Expertise: Lead holistically and include expertise on equity across the board
- Link Institutions: Lead collaboration across sectors to build civic strength
- Public Education: Lead public engagement in diagnosing problems, generating ideas and implementing solutions.





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