



KC Chamber Leadership Exchange Update

July 28, 2022

This is the second Leadership Exchange electronic update of the year. Attached to this email you will find the **preliminary itinerary for the trip**. It is still subject to change as we confirm all speakers and sessions. Below you will find two good summary articles about Detroit's decline and comeback, additional information about the Kickoff Reception August 29, a request for invitees to the Thank You Detroit Reception/Dinner September 19 and more.

Would You Like to Invite a Guest to Thank You Detroit Reception?

If you have a colleague, friend or family member in Detroit whom you would like to invite to our Monday evening, September 19 Thank You Detroit Reception and Dinner, please provide their name, title, company name and email address to Dani Bennett, dbennett@kcchamber.com no later than August 19. Due to space and cost restrictions, we ask that those inviting guests limit their guests to one per delegate. Details for the event are below.

Thank You Detroit Evening Events

Monday, September 19

Reception 5:30-6:30 p.m., Waterview Lofts, 130 Atwater Street

Dinner: 6:30-8 p.m. Waterview Lofts, 130 Atwater Street

August 29 LEX Kickoff Reception, 4-5:30 p.m. RSVP Now

We apologize for the error in last week's news article concerning the time of the Leadership Exchange Kick-Off reception and orientation. The Kick Off Reception will be **Monday, August 29, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Chamber Boardroom**. This will be a great opportunity for our 2022 Exchange delegates to get to know each other, catch a glimpse of this year's trip and how to prepare for the excursion. If you have not yet provided an RSVP, **please RSVP to Dani Bennett, dbennett@kcchamber.com, by August 11.**

Quick Glimpse of Detroit Comeback, But Did it Come Back for All?

For the first half of the 20th century, Detroit was America's wealthiest and most influential city, but in the 1950s racial tensions and declining industry triggered an exodus. The once-grand city staggered on, beset by crime, corruption, and staggering unfunded debt on pensions until it collapsed, filing for Chapter 9 bankruptcy in July 2013. Rock bottom, however, had a galvanizing effect; the city began to reimagine itself. Checkout this article for a quick and uplifting glimpse of Detroit's resurrection and comeback. <https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/travel/2019/09/story-behind-detroits-comeback>

Use this link to check out another story showing that maybe Detroit has not comeback for all.

<https://www.axios.com/2019/11/20/comeback-detroit-downtown-rust-belt-michigan>

Deadline for Cancellation & LEX Delegate Replacement Fee

As is often the case, Leadership Exchange delegates may have something come up and need to cancel their registration or replace themselves on the Leadership Exchange trip. As stated in the invitation and registration material, the deadline to receive a refund for a cancellation was July 12. However, you still may cancel and replace yourself with an executive-level colleague from your company. Delegate replacements made after July 31 will incur a \$200 change fee to help cover the administrative costs relative to handling the replacements. Thank you for your understanding.

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