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### The Future of the Office District Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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# Pre-pandemic Center City Largest employment center in Philadelphia









All the support services & businesses that thrive When office & other workers are present



### With 202,000 downtown residents, 70,000 in the core One of largest downtown residential populations in U.S.



1998-2021, 180 buildings, 9 million sf office & industrial space Converted to residential or hotel use Slow growth city, a tortoise better positioned than many high-speed hares





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# Fastest growing residential section of Philadelphia Core up 55% since 2000; Greater Center City up 38% Balance of city up 2%

44,809				2010-2020	2000-2020
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What was the impact of the pandemic & stay-at-home directives?





## Leisure, hospitality & restaurants down 16% (depend on presence of others); Information services down 14%; Education down 7%; Professional & business services up 5% (even if remote)

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# Many claiming the office is dead & we can rely on a virtual water cooler



# Technology has enabled viable alternatives To downtowns & to office space



# Is the type of work that can be performed \_\_\_\_\_\_ from anywhere















# Two major common sense variables



(1) Structure of local industry is a major factor: the more computer programmers & financial analysts professions whose work can easily be done remotely the more remote work.

(2) Long pre-pandemic commutes also a factor; huge time savings from not commuting





# Comcast Philadelphia: 5.5% of downtown inventory Comcast is a high visibility leader in promoting return



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# Whatever our complaints about congestion Our auto commute is far better than LA



# Top 50 Commuting Zones by Telework Share

PHL is low on the list for telecommuting: 19 (23%)





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Returning to the Office: The Current, Preferred and Future State of Remote Work

The endowment effect: Behavioral economics teaches us that people do not like to give up things they have acquired -- we're loss-averse by nature. Similarly, many employees working hybrid or fully remote have come to expect permanent remote flexibility.

- six in 10 exclusively remote employees are "extremely likely to change companies" if not offered remote flexibility
- three in 10 hybrid employees are "extremely likely to change companies" if not offered remote flexibility
- the demand for long-term remote flexibility has substantially increased since June 2021

# Benefits & challenges of juggling work with child & pet care



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### On the other hand, KPMG reports more than 1/2 of CEOs considering workforce reductions over next 6 months & remote workers may be the first go to



"A caveat for people who like working from home: Remote workers may find it in their best interest to show their faces in the office as their job security becomes more uncertain."

Sign of the future or just the expression of CEO frustration?

A point of tension/negotiation: Between employers & employees

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# Importance of business, civic & political leadership These are not immutable trends

Firms where CEOs have:

- clearly articulated their mission to their employees
  & explained role & importance of in office experience
- engaged staff in discussions of RTO planning & addressed realistic needs articulated by employees
- · adapted the office to be more worker friendly

Those firms tend to be back in great numbers

Significant part of the response is within our control



It's the resignation of those who think we are powerless to do anything about this



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# We can highlight our better work/life balance



# We can promote the quality of our workspaces & amenities in other cities



# This moment creates opportunities ....

# Brookings Papers

BPEA Conference Drafts, September 8-9, 2022

## Working From Home Around the World

Cevat Giray Aksoy, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and King's College London

Jose Maria Barrero, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

Nicholas Bloom, Stanford University

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Pablo Zarate, Princeton University and Universidad de San Andrés

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# And it creates challenges Especially for cities that are not well-managed

The implications for cities are more worrisome. The shift to WFH can reduce the tax base in dense urban areas.

On the hopeful side, this intensifies incentives for cities to offer an attractive mix of taxes & local public goods. Cities that respond with efficient management & sound policies will benefit - more so now than before the pandemic.

But for poorly governed cities, greater employee & firm flexibility raises the risk of a downward spiral in tax revenues, urban amenities, workers & residents.

# This is the moment to get tax policy right Build on the success in 2022 When all citywide Chambers came together With a majority in Council for lower wage & BIRT taxes



# This is the moment to improve the reality & perception of public safety

CCD's Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey (July-October) Had 4,600 respondents

Far fewer respondents say they feel safe "most of the time" or "always"

Those who say they "often feel unsafe" increased

Safety concerns are primary barrier to citywide recovery

While gun violence is not the major issue downtown, it has created a negative halo over the city

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### Pleased to support Civic Coalition to Save Lives Foundation & private sector led effort to reduce gun violence Now led by Estelle Richmn

CIVIC COALITION TO SAVE LIVES A Civic Response to Help Save Lives and Reduce Gun Violence in Philadelphia

Together, as a city, we have the resources, support, and commitment to save lives.

There's nothing more important we can do for the city than address the gun violence crisis together.

Last year, there were 562 homicides in our city. The vast majority - 506 people - were lost to gun violence. We are on a similar pace this year.

Gun violence is a crisis in Philadelphia.

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There is hope. Collaboration is critical.

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Philly leaders, organizations come together to form new coalition to combat gun violence

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110 manual & mechanical sidewalk cleaning staff 7 days/week + pressure washing crews



Assessment collections 96%-98% last 3 years (97.2%) Raised \$600,000 in corporate contributions increase services



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Continuous graffiti removal from ground floor of buildings During warm weather months



### Deploy Community Service Representative (CSRs) 7 days per week: walking hotel concierge + eyes & ears for police Connected to police with two-way radios



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# Doubled our public safety deployment



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Overlapping shifts = 25 deployed evening rush hour 3 pm to 7pm



Since 2018 deployed Ambassadors of Hope CCD funds: CSRs, Project Home & CIT trained police CCD provides dedicated van to transport to shelter





# Co-service delivery model YTD 2022: 174 placements; program continues to end of December



Added a Saturday outreach team in fall 2022



































# Proactive communications: press, social media & events



- Promote public safety deployment
- Make streetscape improvements
- Promote park events
- Release recovery reports
- One-on one-briefings for employees at firms who have returned: partnership with SEPTA & Police

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# What is the future of the office district? What can employers do to bring more people back?









# Smith-Kline office building 1980s









I will briefly suggest how we might rethink public spaces & downtown land-use



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# Both residential & new office under construction or in design



# We call it an office district, A significant inventory of residential











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# Need to be activated as well









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Office plazas were well-used pre-pandemic during C.C. SIPs









Goal is achievable through rethinking & hard work Vibrant, mixed-use downtown thriving with job opportunities

We have a highly successful, walkable downtown









A thriving, competitive convention center









# At the center of the regional transit system Connects residents to opportunity











# 2023 presents the opportunity for Philadelphia To choose full recovery & a more inclusive transformation



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We need to enhance tax competitiveness

