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Urbanization and Policy Impacts: a view from the technology standpoint



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Chief Information Officer of the City of Chicago and Commissioner for Chicago Department of Innovation and Technology for close to 5 years. As the CIO, Mr. Bhatt had been leading a team of 250+ employees and consultants with an annual budget of over \$150 Million. Mr. Bhatt also lead Mayor Daley's charge for universal and affordable broadband for all Chicagoans through various initiatives, including the Smart Communities program. In last 3 years, Mr. Bhatt brought over \$25 Million from Federal, State, Foundation and Private sector sources for Chicago's Smart + Communities program. On the way, he was instrumental in establishing partnerships with Chicago, healthcare providers, utility and energy sector leaders, as well as public safety, transportation, and non-profit leaders. Prior to joining the public sector, Mr. Bhatt worked as a consultant with Oracle corporation in the US and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) in India. Mr. Bhatt has an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from M. S. University, Baroda, India.

About the talk... The world is changing rapidly. Millions of people are getting urbanized while millions of devices get on the Internet. How does this impact policy decisions? Can we sustain 20th century policies in the 21st century world? Let's get a short review of what's happening on the global stage.

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