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**Subject:** Re: Potential Citylab roundtable in Detroit on October 30th

Hardik,

My apologies for not responding sooner, I have been at the National Association of Counties conference in Nashville. We are very much interested in contributing, we want to make sure we have a story to share that is of value.

Jack

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 11, 2018, at 12:57 PM, Bhatt, Hardik <hvbhatt@amazon.com> wrote:

Hi Jack,

Hope all is well. It was great seeing you in Arlington County and then presenting at the CIO council meeting. I wanted to reach out to you to know your interest and availability in the following.

Amazon Web Services is exploring the possibility of hosting a roundtable at the 2018 [CityLab](#) event in Detroit, MI from October 28-30. The roundtable will be hosted by AWS Institute, our thought leadership group. **We would be hosting the roundtable the morning of Oct. 30 on next generation cities leveraging data for public good as part of this multi-day event (below is a draft overview) and we would love if you can join us to showcase your story.** You will be joined by your peers and other thought leaders. Please let us know of your interest and availability and we can follow up with additional detail.

#### **Next Generation Cities: Leveraging Data for Public Good**

Technology is central to tackling some of our cities' biggest challenges and creating inclusive prosperity. Since the late 90s cities worldwide have invested in information and communication technology infrastructure to create smart cities, aimed at improving efficiency, governance, and transparency within their communities. To remain smart, cities will not only have to make and leverage infrastructure investments, but also be flexible, adaptable and innovative to ensure resiliency, competitiveness, and sustainability. How can cities leverage their investments and maximize the use of data collected? Helping cities gather and process data is one place where machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) plays a significant role. Whether it is homelessness, civil rights, or citizen safety, data can make a difference in understanding the problem and identifying the right solutions. Cities are turning more and more to ML and AI to enable data driven decisions and plan and prioritize projects from infrastructure investments to tailored citizen services. This roundtable will discuss new trends and challenges for smart cities and will explore opportunities to government and civil society to overcome challenges and maximize the use of data that truly helps make cities smart and inclusive.

Kind regards,

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