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"Without ignoring issues of equity and displacement, *Rebuilding American Cities* celebrates the inventiveness of cities as they leverage the assets of the city by breaking down barriers, blurring boundaries, and building connections. In an age when government no longer leads in rebuilding cities, the authors tell the behind-the-scenes story of how public, private, and nonprofit civic entrepreneurs collaborate to make it happen. *Rebuilding American Cities* is essential reading for those who want to know how urban revitalization really happens from the viewpoint of those who actually make it happen." –*Todd Swanstrom, Des Lee Professor, University of Missouri?St. Louis*

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