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I think that New Orleans is kind of a prophetic city for America to look at because of Katrina. You know, this was the do-over American city. This is the city that got the chance to get rid of a lot of basic infrastructure and replace it. You know, that in the city that I think Central City is the prophetic community. You know, it is an urban community. It was the hood because of the lack of investment, the fact that all of the white folks had moved out. But it's in the heart of the city and can't be ignored. But Central City in a certain way is a prophetic community. You know, it was resourced. It has been organized. Like I said, there are at least 40 plans on Central City in one way or another. That the plans have been operated from in terms of some of the things that have happened, that it had culture at the core of its existence. It was able to reclaim that, you know, some of the things that people wanted have happened, you know. So in many ways, it's a really great model. It's a place, it's a great learning tool for, you know, for other communities.