

## **Hot Button Issues in Local Government: Key Takeaways**

1. A collection of factors—from local to global; personal to digital—are contributing to our polarized politics and preventing us from solving important problems.
2. Decades of consequential land use decisions have led to housing, homelessness, and environmental crises that we are failing to address adequately.
3. Many of the right solutions have been implemented in some places, which means already we have an idea of what works and what does not.
4. Issues of race, equality, and representation have erupted in recent years but have always been present—and they are not going anywhere anytime soon.
5. Our cities are also our communities—their success is our success.