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The Twenty-First Century City RESURRECTING URBAN AMERICA

Regnery Publishing, Inc.; 1997

By Mayor Stephen Goldsmith

America's cities can be saved - so says

Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. AsthemayorofAmerica'stwelfth largest city he eliminated city defi-

cits, cut the city payroll, enhanced services, rebuilt infrastructure, revitalized neighborhoods, and reducedcrime. Andhediditall while cutting taxes! Now, in The Tenty-

First Century City, Goldsmith

This book comes at a crucial

time, when government power and responsibilityarebeingretumedto state and local levels. America's decaying urban areas are being held responsible for solving their

ownproblems. Andmeetingthese

challengesisanewbreedofmayor -Democrat and Republican alike

resurrecting urban America. MayorsRudyGiulianiofNew

York City and Richard Daley of

Chicagolaunchedsuccessfulwars

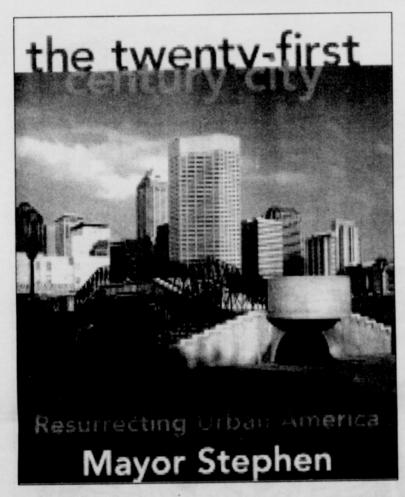
against crime-ending fear, clean-

ing up graffiti, and rejuvenating

communities.

shows how he did it.

Focus



AMERICA QUICKENING OF THE

Jossey-Bass, Inc.; 1994 By Frances Moore Lappé and Paul Martin Du Bois

Quickening... first stirrings of life, entering a phase of active growth and development.

CHANGE is the watchword of the nineties, and THE QUICKENING OF AMERICA is first and foremost about change. Lappé and Du Bois criss-crossed the country to witness the stirrings of a grassroots movement. Regular Americans are coming together to change their workplaces, their communities, their schools, their lives. This deeply personal, inspiring and interactive book is full of practical advice on how to get involved in democracy. Transcending the tired polemics of the past - left and right, liberal and conservative, rich and poor - THE QUICK-ENING OF AMERICA demonstrates the powerful effect individual citizens have in our country.

the key insight of successful citizens. Through the voices of everyday Americans, you'll understand why rethinking self-interest, power, and public life is the key to bringing new mean-

Part One distills

ing and effectiveness into our lives. In Part Two you'll meet effective citizens who are successfully tackling America's biggest problems - from edu-

cation and government to human services and jobs and the media. How are they succeeding in changing their lives and improving their futures? From a factory in Massachusetts to a classroom in Ohio and a radio station in Texas, regular Americans are applying the lessons we all need to learn in order to create the lives we want...and a country that works.

Part Three looks at the quickening



of democracy's development through another lens. Here we ask, what are the skills we Americans need in order to be effective? How can we become problem solvers ourselves?

·Mayors John Norquist of Milwaukee and Michael White of Cleveland pioneered the movement toward school choice and school voucher programs. Mayors Edward Rendell of Philadelphia and Susan Golding of San Diego spurred economic growth for their cities by slashing red tape and taking on the special interests in order to eliminate unnecessary regulation.

