The Civic Life of Cities

• Cities are the places where global problems are experienced most personally (e.g., immigration, climate change, the new economy, etc.) and citizens look to municipal governments for solutions.

• Most people live in cities - 89% in Australia, 82% in the United States.

• Cities are regional clusters of economic productivity and innovation more broadly (92% of U.S. patent applications come from the 100 largest cities)

• We have chosen five cities - - the San Francisco Bay Area (an extension of the SPEN project), Seattle (the Puget Sound region including Tacoma and Olympia), Shenzhen, China, Sydney, Australia, and Vienna, Austria.

• These are cities that are role models, bright spots for learning about cities. They are places where people migrate to and then have to deal with a constant influx of people. San Francisco and Shenzhen are tech centers; Seattle and SF are liberal west coast cities, Vienna and Sydney are in nations with strong social safety nets.

• We have access to tax and registration records for the nonprofit sector in these different cities, enabling us to study the formal structure of civil society in each city.
SF Bay Area Regional Overview

KEY FACTS

Population: **9,025,000**

Counties: **10**

Nonprofits: **14,323**

Note: Population based on 2010 census data. Nonprofit count based on 2015 data on organizations that filed with IRS.

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Bay Area: Geographic Dispersion
Puget Sound Regional Overview

KEY FACTS

Population: 4,199,312
Counties: 9
Public charities: 18,911

Note: Population based on 2010 census data. Public charities based on Barber research in 2015.

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Puget Sound: Geographic Dispersion
Shenzhen Regional Overview

KEY FACTS

Population: **10,357,958**

Administrative districts: **10**

Nonprofits: **9,660**

Note: Population based on 2010 census data from China. Nonprofits based on total number of associations, private non-enterprise units, and foundations across districts.

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### Sydney Regional Overview

**KEY FACTS**

- **Population:** 5,029,768
- **Regions:** 15
- **Charities:** 10,577

**Note:** Population based on 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics. Charities based on total number of small, medium and large registered charities from ACNC database.

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Vienna Regional Overview

KEY FACTS

Population: 1,867,960
Administrative districts: 23
Nonprofits: 22,332

Note: Population based on 2016 Austrian census data. Nonprofits based on total number of stock corporations, associations, co-ops, and LLCs registered in Vienna.

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