

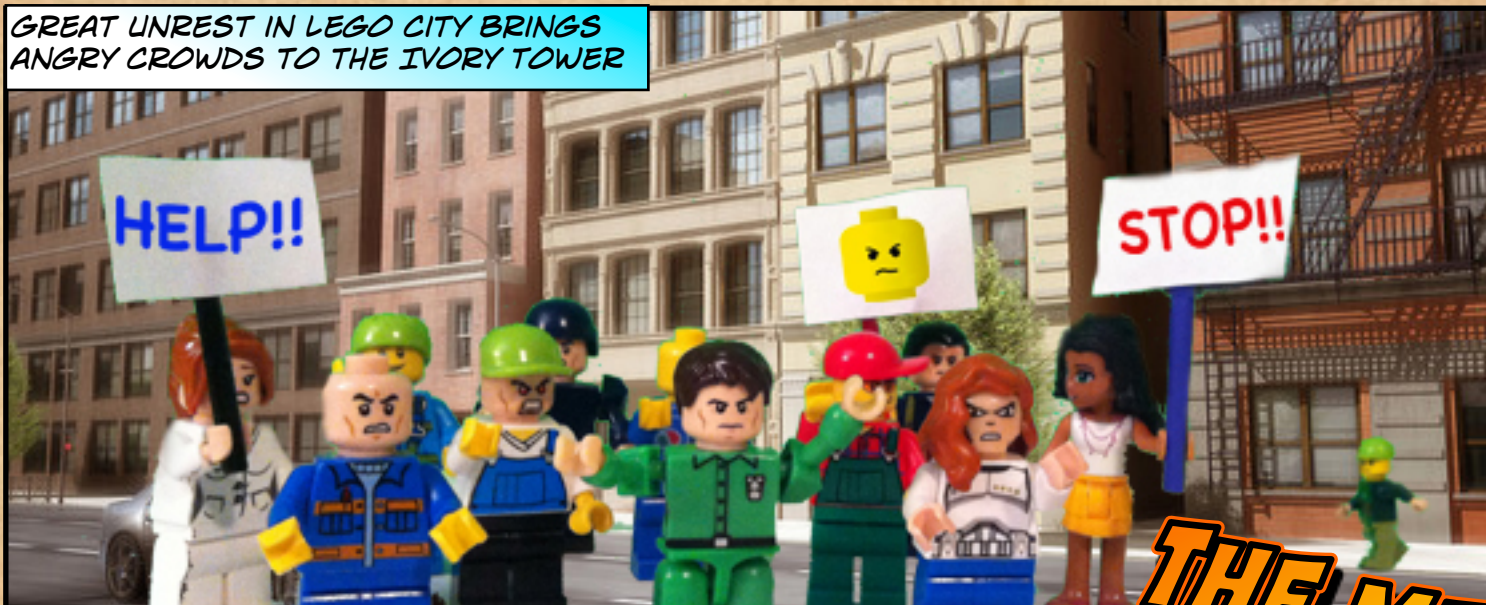
# PARTICIPATORY ACTION HEROES!!



# ADVENTURES IN RESEARCH



GREAT UNREST IN LEGO CITY BRINGS ANGRY CROWDS TO THE IVORY TOWER



**THE MAN**

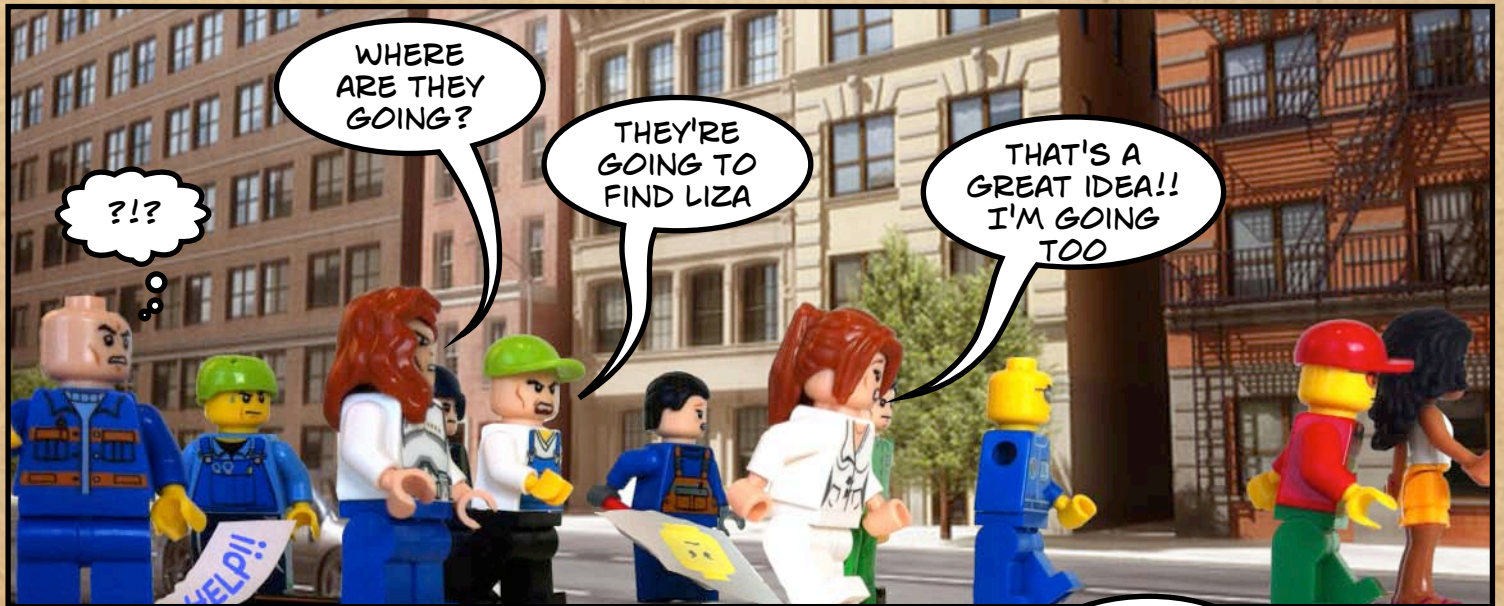
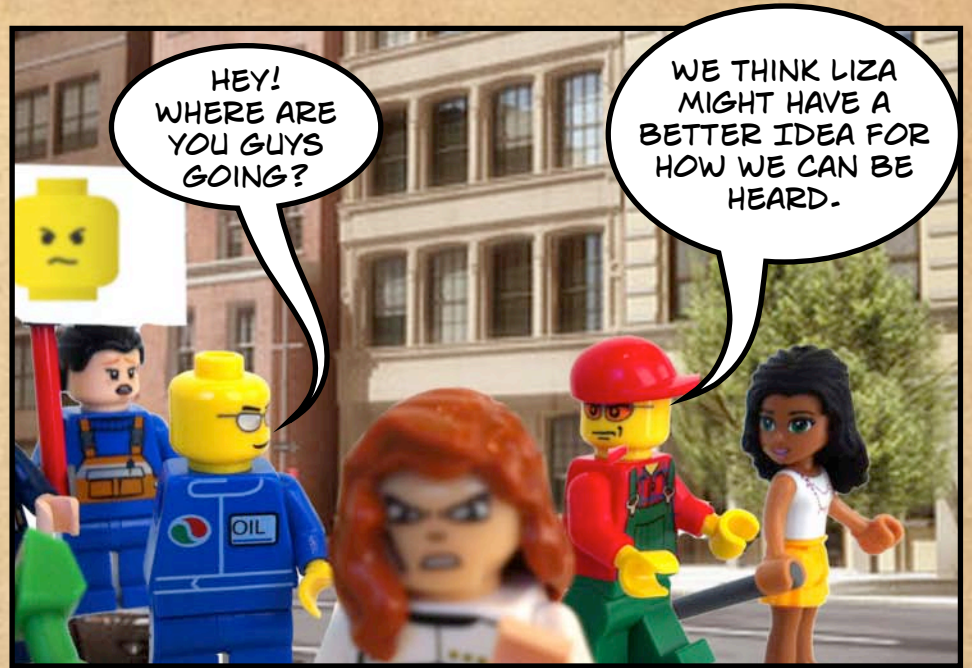


REPRESENTS: MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

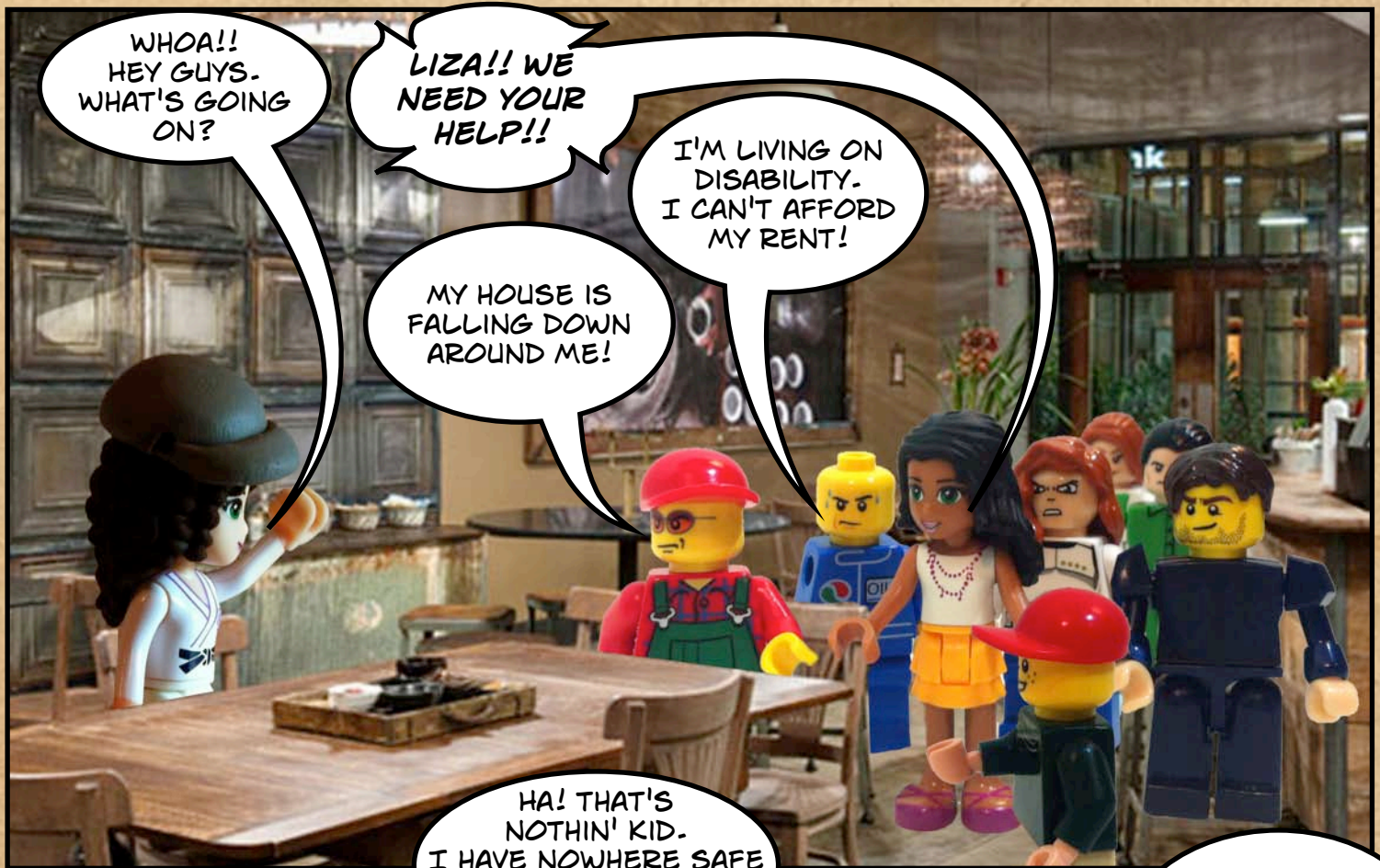
MEANWHILE...  
INSIDE THE IVORY TOWER



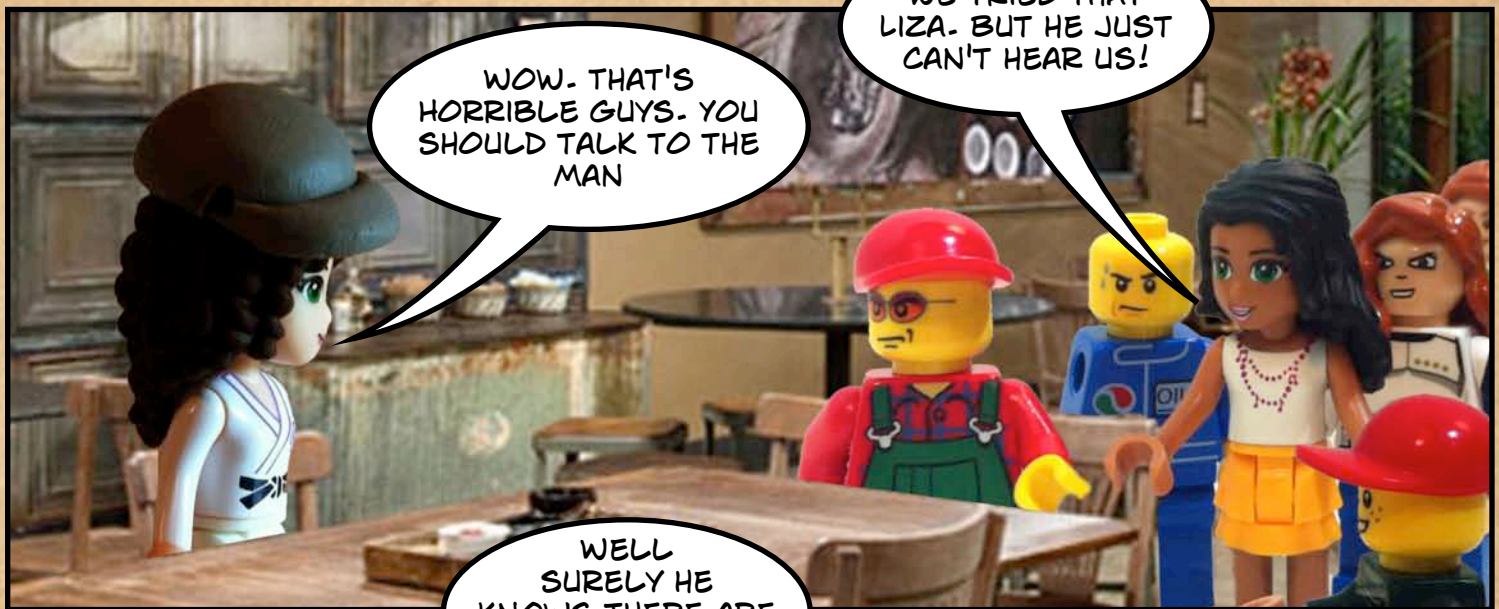












WOW. THAT'S HORRIBLE GUYS. YOU SHOULD TALK TO THE MAN

WE TRIED THAT LIZA. BUT HE JUST CAN'T HEAR US!

WELL SURELY HE KNOWS THERE ARE PROBLEMS OUT HERE

I'M NOT SURE THAT HE DOES LIZA. HE NEVER LEAVES THAT TOWER!

MAYBE WE COULD TAKE SOME PICTURES OF THE PARTS OF LEGO CITY THAT HE CAN'T SEE FROM THE TOWER!!



YOU KNOW WHAT KIDDO? THAT JUST MIGHT WORK

BUT FIRST... I'LL HAVE TO GET APPROVAL FROM... THE **ETHICS BOARD**





EMBOLDENED BY DESIRE TO  
HELP HER FELLOW CITIZENS,  
LIZA GATHERS EVERYTHING  
SHE MIGHT NEED AND HEADS  
TOWARDS THE **MOUNTAINS**  
**OF ACADEMIA**



SHE TRUDGES FOR  
DAYS....

WEEKS....

MONTHS.....

UNTIL AT LAST

SHE REACHES

THE LAND OF THE

**GREAT ETHICS  
BOARD**



# THE ETHICS BOARD



LIZA!  
EXPECTING  
YOU I HAVE  
BEEN



OH GREAT AND  
NOBLE ETHICS BOARD.  
I HAVE COME FOR YOUR  
APPROVAL



INFORMED  
CONSENT YOU  
WILL NEED

I HAVE  
THE SIGNED  
PAPERS  
HERE

THE  
WHOLE  
COMMUNITY  
WANTS TO BE  
INVOLVED

THE  
NATURE OF  
THE STUDY THEY  
MUST  
UNDERSTAND



YES. IN  
FACT, IT WAS  
THEIR IDEA



HMM,  
WALK WITH ME  
YOU MUST

ENSURED  
THEIR  
CONFIDENTIALITY  
YOU HAVE?



ACTUALLY, THEY  
WANT TO BE CO-  
RESEARCHERS

THEY WANT  
THEIR NAMES  
PUBLISHED WITH  
THE WORK





WITH APPROVAL IN HAND LIZA BEGINS THE LONG JOURNEY BACK TO LEGO CITY

ON HER WAY HOME SHE STOPS BY **GRANT RIVER** TO PICK UP CAMERAS AND THE SUPPLIES THE COMMUNITY WILL NEED TO FUND THEIR PHOTO VOICE PROJECT

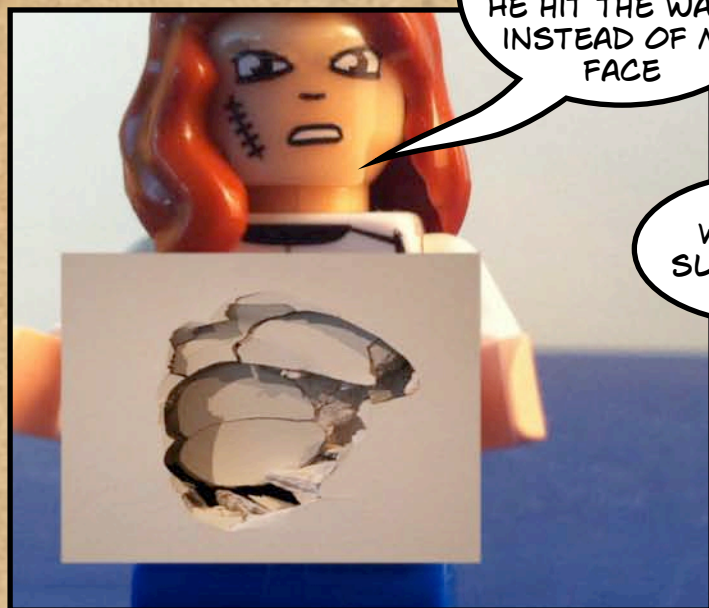
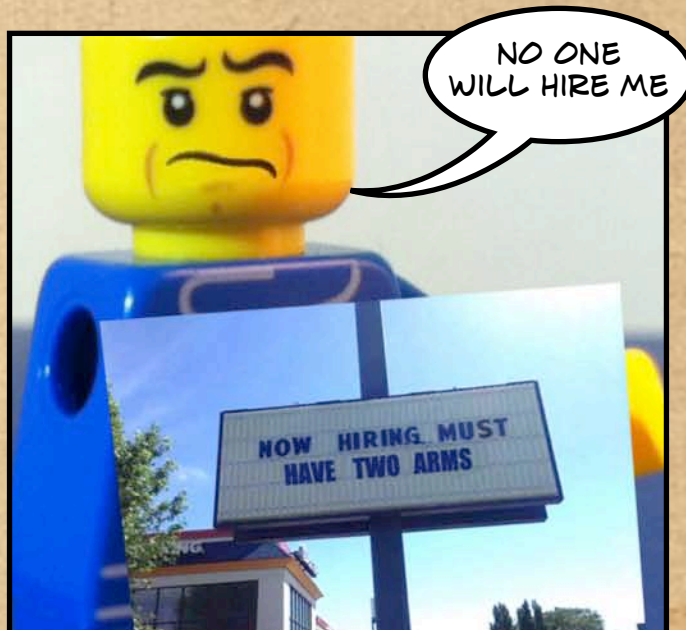




LIZA DISTRIBUTES THE  
CAMERAS TO HER  
CO-RESEARCHERS

THEN EVERYONE HEADS  
OUT INTO LEGO CITY TO  
CAPTURE IMAGES OF THE  
PROBLEMS THEY SEE  
EVERYDAY IN THEIR  
COMMUNITY

THEIR FINDINGS  
ARE ILLUMINATING





GREAT WORK  
EVERYONE! NOW WE  
CAN REALLY SEE  
THE PROBLEM

WHAT WE  
NEED NOW  
ARE SOME  
SOLUTIONS TO  
PROPOSE TO  
**THE MAN**

MY  
FRIEND LANA  
CAN HELP. SHE'S  
A POLICY  
ADVISOR



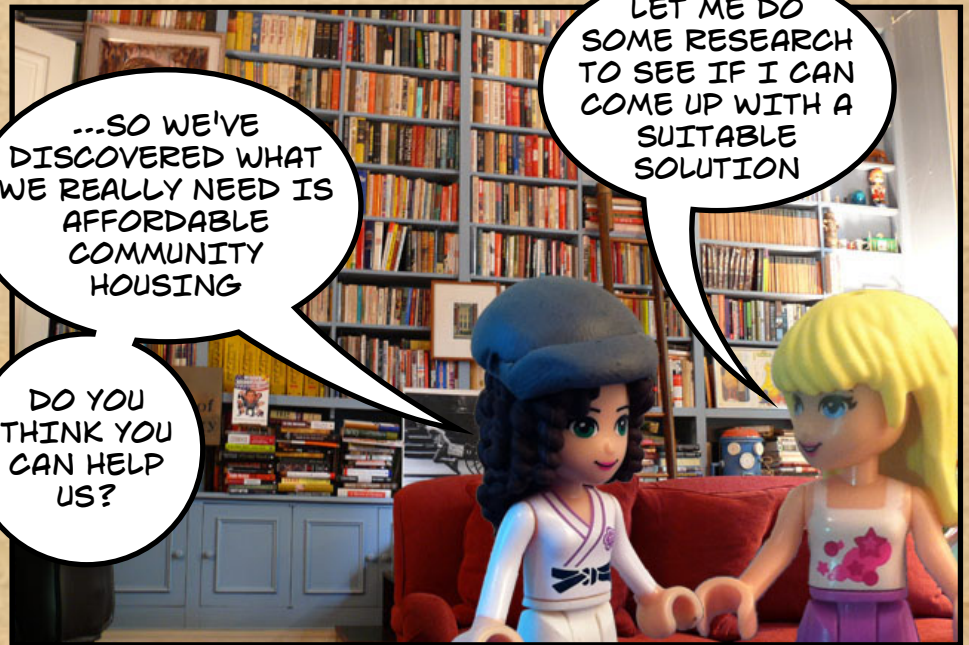
**LANA**



...SO WE'VE  
DISCOVERED WHAT  
WE REALLY NEED IS  
AFFORDABLE  
COMMUNITY  
HOUSING

DO YOU  
THINK YOU  
CAN HELP  
US?

LET ME DO  
SOME RESEARCH  
TO SEE IF I CAN  
COME UP WITH A  
SUITABLE  
SOLUTION



LANA AGREES TO HELP THE  
COMMUNITY WITH THEIR  
RECOMMENDATIONS.

BUT FIRST SHE NEEDS  
MORE INFORMATION

SHE LOOKS TO THE  
LITERATURE, EXPERTS,  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS,  
AND CURRENT POLICIES  
FOR GUIDANCE

HI, I HAVE AN  
APPOINTMENT  
WITH **THE MAN**

OF COURSE  
MS. LANA. HE'S  
EXPECTING YOU







**DURING THE MEETING  
THE MAN AGREES TO WORK  
COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE  
COMMUNITY.**

**LANA, LIZA THE MAN AND  
THE COMMUNITY PLAN TO  
IMPLEMENT COST-EFFECTIVE  
SOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESS  
THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
SPACE.**

**THE END**



# REAL LIFE HEROES

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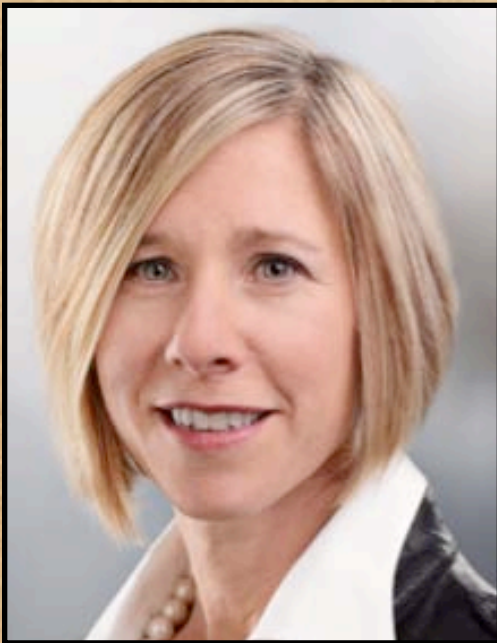
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