

## GATEWAY CITIES

<http://gateways.massinc.org>

The go-to site for background on the Gateway Cities initiative, including profiles of the 11 Gateway communities. While you're there, rummage around the rest of the MassINC site and check out the "Commonwealth Unbound" blog for commentary on the state's political and civic landscape.

## GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

[www.gatewaycog.org](http://www.gatewaycog.org)

The *other* Gateway Cities are 27 cities in Southeast Los Angeles County and Los Angeles County. These California communities have also joined forces to stimulate economic development, although mill buildings don't seem to be on the agenda.

## LOWELL CITY MANAGER'S BLOG

<http://lowellma.wordpress.com>

If you're going to be a vibrant 21st-century city, it helps to communicate like one. Lowell City Manager Bernie Lynch talks to his constituents, providing real information and, even better, explanations for what's going on — worthwhile reading for anyone interested in city government.

## HARLEM CHILDREN'S ZONE

[www.hcz.org](http://www.hcz.org)

If you've heard of President Obama's "Promise Zone" proposal for urban neighborhoods, you've heard of HCZ — a successful, innovative, neighborhood-based program founded on the belief that educational success depends upon strong families and strong communities. Click on "programs" to see the scale of HCZ efforts, starting with Baby College (for parents).

## AMERICAN LIFE HISTORIES: MANUSCRIPTS FROM THE FEDERAL WRITERS PROJECT

<http://memory.loc.gov/wpaintro>

In the 1930s, WPA writers documented the lives of Americans across the country; those manuscripts are now available online. Massachusetts texts include accounts of life in the mills, labor strikes, and immigrant experiences.

## LIZZIE ANDREW BORDEN VIRTUAL MUSEUM

[www.lizzieandrewborden.com](http://www.lizzieandrewborden.com)

Lowell has Kerouac, New Bedford and Pittsfield have Melville, but Fall River has Lizzie. Maintained by Pear Tree Press, this site is a mostly serious (there is the "Mondo Lizzie" blog) presentation of the life and Victorian times of the city's most famous orphan.

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