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John Paul Farmer is the Chief Technology Officer of the City of New York. In this role, he leads a team that deploys technology policy, programs, and products to better serve New Yorkers and build a more future-ready city. He is also an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and a Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Urban Research. Previously, John was Managing Director of Microsoft Cities, based in New York. John led a cross-functional team to build partnerships and co-design technology products that make communities more livable, more vibrant, and more equitable. As the Founder & CEO of The Innovation Project, John spread innovation best practices globally. John served as the Senior Advisor for Innovation at the White House under President Barack Obama, where he co-founded and led the Presidential Innovation Fellows program to attract top private sector change-makers for focused tours of duty in government. Prior to the U.S. government, John built new business units in the private sector. He played professional baseball in the minor league systems of the Atlanta Braves and Los Angeles Dodgers. John holds an M.B.A. with honors from the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University and an A.B. with honors from Harvard University.