



SIMCITY: LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT, 2000

Lagos, one of the largest cities in Africa and the world, has no single city government. Instead, the state government exists alongside 16 local governments. In the year 2000, delegates will serve as influential figures in Lagos State Governor Bola Tinubu's advisory council as they attempt to govern 16 cities as one, combating climate change, inequality, and ethnic tensions. Mr. Tinubu has drawn together distinguished figures connected to Lagos State to help run this emerging global city: State senators, representatives from Local Government Areas, businesspeople, celebrities, and national figures invested in Nigeria's future alike will mingle—and maybe even clash—as they envision a better and brighter future for Lagos State.

Nigeria has just finished undergoing a tumultuous path from military dictatorship to democracy, and in the midst of the turmoil, Lagos has been left largely to its own devices as governmental standards have fallen. Over the years, pollution has increased and the city's infrastructure has deteriorated. Furthermore, growth of housing does not match Lagos' rapid population growth, leading to inflated rent prices, overcrowding, and the expansion of slums, where waste management and sanitation are especially inadequate and many lack necessities such as electricity.

Currently, as Mr. Tinubu's advisory council, the most urgent issue you face is a massive traffic accident that has caused a full breakdown of Lagos' freeway system. Lagos' freeway system had been stretched to its limit, with massive congestion issues often leading to thefts from cars, such as by gang members called "area boys." How will the advisory council deal with this breakdown and crime spree in the short run? In the long run, will the council prioritize car infrastructure or public transportation?

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