

# COMMUNITY VISIONING FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

*A Board-Appointed Ad Hoc Committee*

## Purpose

To plan a Community Visioning Forum, with the intent of developing recommendations for meaningful actions and activities that:

- Identify and eliminate barriers, promoting local governance that hears and honors ALL voices;
- Build bridges where there may be walls;
- Foster tolerance, respect, equity and inclusion – beginning with education, culminating in action;
- Promote non-violence and non-violent conflict resolution;
- Focus resources on underlying causes and conditions that lead to inequitable resource and justice distribution
  - Fund enhanced resources and/or services for those in the greatest need;
  - Foster constructive relationships between law enforcement officials and our communities;
  - Advocate for disempowered groups; and
  - Ensure those who have experienced barriers have a voice in developing solutions.
- Bring relevant solutions for any social injustices, as they come to light,
  - Healthcare services and health outcomes;
  - Environmental considerations;
  - Access to economic opportunity; and
  - Governmental processes.
- Celebrate Lake County's diversity, including holidays and historically important dates in our communities

This Committee is Advisory in nature. While it is expected the Committee will vote and provide recommendations to be taken under consideration by the Lake County Board of Supervisors and/or City Council(s), as appropriate, Committee recommendations are not binding.

## Guiding Principles

In pursuit of truth, healing, justice and reconciliation, we will:

1. Commit to developing cultural competency and proficiency – Education is paramount, and it starts with us;
2. Recognize the numerous ways we are all affected when discrimination and violence are permitted, and seek to understand the ways personal contexts and biases inform *our own* views;
3. Celebrate diversity and our interconnectedness, appreciating our rich history, and that holidays and historical dates of importance to even/any one community are matters of Countywide significance;
4. Work together to achieve the maximum community benefit through this Forum, by seeking first to listen and understand the diverse needs present in Lake County's unique and precious individuals and communities, as represented by the members of this Committee;
5. Ensure each potential Forum contributor is treated with equal dignity, worth and value, taking into account each individual's personal autonomy, and embracing the fact we continue to learn together;
6. Model and encourage discussion to identify and mitigate any disparities in Lake County's representation and service of our many population groups, including but not limited to persons of color, seniors, persons with limited access to resources and persons whose voices are less likely to be heard;
7. Ensure fairness, impartiality and transparency in all Committee meetings and the design of community events; and
8. Formulate recommendations for the Board of Supervisors and/or City Councils based on open-hearted engagement of group discussion and respect for the knowledge and life experiences of each member.

## Members

Eddie Crandell	Carol Huchingson	Dirk Slooten
Beniakem Cromwell	Sally Peterson	Dale Stoebe
Angela Cuellar-Marroquin	JoAnn Saccato	Mireya Turner
Delores Farrell	Tina Scott	Sue Williams

## Committee Process

The Committee will meet to plan the aforementioned Community Visioning Forum, and make recommendations to the Lake County Board of Supervisors and City Councils.

Each Committee meeting will be publicly noticed, and open to participation by any interested party.

Agendas will proceed as publicly noticed, except where there is consensus from the Committee to take up items out of order, due to scheduling needs or other factors.

Any communications for consideration of the committee should include the name of the submitter, and any group(s) the submitter represents.

Public input\* may be submitted at any time, by contacting Committee staffer Matthew Rothstein.

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*\*Written comments should be brief in nature, generally not to exceed 200 words.*