

MINNEAPOLIS VOICE

#MinneapolisVoice. #OurCommonFuture. #RespectfulDialogue

*Nothing is more powerful than
a community that has found its collective voice
in a time of great Urgency*

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Mobilizing Our Collective Voice

for a Collaborative Future

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Minneapolis Is an Electronic Superpower!

- An estimated **94% Minneapolis households have access to the internet**. This makes Minneapolis one of the most **super-connected metropolitan areas in the nation**.
- **We can pick up our mobile phones and when combined with televised forums, we can create citizen forums where we poll ourselves in real time**. With a tap on our mobile phones, and can give **instant feedback** on the issues that matter. We can develop **conversation** that
 - Reflects our collective priorities
 - Explore and prioritize concerns
 - Develop thoughtful recommendations
 - Forward priorities to key officials
- Minneapolis Voice we'll help grow a community-wide consensus on key concerns and then bring areas of agreement to key leaders and organizations and public officials

Minneapolis Voice will engage

Diverse Demographic Groups: Younger generations • Older adults • Women • Black, Latino, Asian American, and Indigenous •

Diverse Ethnic and Cultural Communities: Latino-American • African-American • Asian-American • Indigenous communities • ...and more

Diverse Constituencies: business, labor, schools, nonprofits, and many more

Suggested Flow of a an Electronic Town Meeting

1. **Recognize** the citizens of Minneapolis and call for respectful dialogue:
2. **Describe** the flow of the gathering and how issues will be presented with respectful dialogue and then citizens will use their mobil phones to vote on key choices and these will be sent to key official ini the city and state.
3. **Documentary:** A short film segment to introduce today's topic and explain its real-world impact.
4. **Trusted and diverse individuals** quickly frame the key concerns for. Public voting and feedback..
5. **Public Poll** Using mobile polling, participants rate their levels of concern; for example:
 - Urgency:** Low / Medium / High
 - Options for Response:** one/two/three
6. **Deepening the Dialogue**
 - Facilitator invites a diverse, in-studio audience to offer brief andrespectful discussion on areas of consensus and divergence.
7. **Further Polling and Dialgue**
 - Participants vote on their preferred policy option.
 - Immediate display of results to fuel deeper conversation.
8. **Feedback Synthesis**
 - Facilitators summarize poll results (Top priorities? Key questions for future?)
9. **“Next Steps” Vote**
 - Poll “Do you want a follow-up Town Hall on this topic?”
10. **Closing** with citizen recognit ion and gratitude for mature **dialogues**

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We are not powerless. **We are the leaders we've been waiting for.** This is **not an imitative for “direct democracy”** that interferes with governance; instead, this is a fostering a voice **to grow collective understanding** that energizes our governing processes.