



What's Next Alexandria

Principles of Engagement Online Poll January 4-14, 2013

Summary of Results

From January 4-14, 2013, the City of Alexandria and ACTION Alexandria invited Alexandrians to participate in an online poll to further refine work begun at the November 15, 2012 *What's Next Alexandria* Community Dialogue to develop Alexandria's Principles of Civic Engagement. The online poll asked participants to confirm eight principle categories created in response to community feedback. The categories were: *Accessible and Informed Participation*; *Civility*; *Early Involvement*; *Inclusiveness and Equity*; *Meaningful Engagement*; *Mutual Accountability*; *Sustained Cooperation*; and *Transparency*. Participants were asked to confirm the draft principle categories by selecting them, or choose not to confirm a principle by not selecting it. They were then invited to write in additional principle categories and statements.

A total of 130 community members responded to the online poll, the majority of whom confirmed the principle categories as proposed, with the strongest support shown for *Transparency* and *Accessible and Informed Participation*, with *Civility*, *Early Involvement*, and *Inclusiveness and Equity* following close behind. Attached, please find additional statements provided by respondents in the online poll. Most of these suggestions were relevant to the eight draft principle categories proposed and will be included in materials used to wrap up work on the principles during the **Second Community Dialogue on January 29, 2013, at 7 p.m.** at First Baptist Church. At that meeting, the community will develop supporting statements for the civic engagement principle categories, and will discuss the planning process framework, including concrete steps and engagement tools for achieving the principles.

For more information about the City's *What's Next Alexandria* initiative, visit alexandriava.gov/whatsnext or contact Carrie Beach at 703-746-3853.

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