

## FOR DISCUSSION:

### BCC Survey: Introductory Survey Questions to Guide Planning for Changes to Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs)

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1. What is your relationship to City boards, committees, and commissions?
  - a. Alder and TFOGS Implementation Working Group Member
  - b. Alder
  - c. Department or Division Head
  - d. BCC staff support
  - e. Committee chair or co-chair
  - f. Committee member

#### Purpose and Effectiveness of Individual BCCs

2. The following questions related to the individual committee(s) you have served on. Please select the committee(s) you have served on and are willing to answer questions about. *[Check the box of all applicable committees from list]*
3. For each of the committees you selected in the previous question, please answer the following questions: What functions do you think the City's boards, commissions, and committees are most important and valuable for? Please rate on a scale of 1-5. *[1 = least important, 5 = most important]* *[Grid design: X axis is list of committees checked in Q2; Y axis is a-h, each cell has a drop down menu to score 1-5]*
  - a. Getting representative or broad community input
  - b. Generating public awareness of city issues
  - c. Creating plans or policies
  - d. Oversight of agency work
  - e. Advising on referrals / proposed legislation
  - f. Helping inform or set agency priorities
  - g. Holding government officials accountable to the public
  - h. Other (specify)
4. For the same list of functions above, how well do you think the current committee structure actually performs? Please rate on a scale of 1-5. *[1 = does not achieve, 5 = fully achieves]* *[Grid design: X axis is list of committees checked in Q2; Y axis is a-h, each cell has a drop down menu to score 1-5]*

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- h. Other (specify)

### **Purpose and Effectiveness of BCC System as a Whole**

5. For the City's board, committee, and commission system as a whole, what functions do you think are most important and valuable for the system to perform well (in other words, what should the system perform well)? Please rate on a scale of 1-5. [1 = least important, 5 = most important]
- a. Getting representative or broad community input
  - b. Generating public awareness of city issues
  - c. Creating plans or policies
  - d. Oversight of agency work
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  - f. Helping inform or set agency priorities
  - g. Holding government officials accountable to the public
  - h. Other (specify)
6. For the same list of functions above, how well do you think the current system actually performs? Please rate on a scale of 1-5. [1 = does not achieve, 5 = fully achieves]
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  - h. Other (specify)

### **Goals for the Future**

7. If the number or structure of committees were changed, what do you most hope would be **achieved or changed**? Please rate each of the following on a scale of 1-5. [1 = not important to change, 5 = very important to change]
- Shorter meetings
  - Fewer committees to track
  - Streamline legislation referrals
  - More time for other forms of community engagement
  - More time for other policy or program work
  - Better staff support to BCCs and BCC members
  - More strategic focus areas for committees
  - More communication between BCCs and Council
  - More role clarity for BCCs
  - Other (specify)
8. If the number or structure of committees were changed, what do you most hope would be **maintained (not changed)**? Please rate each of the following on a scale of 1-5. [1 = not important, 5 = very important]
- BCCs giving high-level guidance to agencies (e.g. setting priorities)
  - BCC action on specific actions (e.g. contracts and permits)
  - Level of staff support to BCCs
  - Process for referrals
  - Frequency of meetings
  - Membership make-up (e.g. alder and resident seats)
  - Community input via public testimony
  - Other (specify)

### Demographic Information (optional)

The following information is voluntary.

9. Ethnicity [check boxes for Hispanic or Latino; Not Hispanic or Latino]
10. Race [check boxes for American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; White; Other Race]
11. Gender [check boxes for Woman; Man; Non-binary/Genderqueer; Prefer not to say; Prefer to self-describe (please specify)]