

Citizen Engagement and Public Participation – General Assessment

Within our municipality/department...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Unknown/Unsure
Our <i>municipality</i> has a comprehensive and coordinated citizen engagement plan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Our <i>department</i> has a comprehensive and coordinated citizen engagement plan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
There is a formal process in place for <i>initiating</i> citizen engagement efforts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
There is a formal process in place for <i>planning</i> citizen engagement efforts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
There is a formal process in place for <i>implementing</i> citizen engagement efforts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
There is a formal process in place for <i>evaluating</i> citizen engagement efforts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Citizen engagement efforts are carried out through informal/ad hoc processes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
There are existing legal mandates that restrict the ways in which we can interact with the public	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Local officials and staff have the <i>skills and training</i> necessary to work productively with citizens	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Local officials and staff have the <i>cultural awareness</i> necessary to work productively with citizens	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Local officials and employees have the <i>organizational support</i> necessary to work productively with citizens	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Staff have the <i>resources</i> (time, money, facilitation skills, etc.) necessary to work productively with citizens	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Staff have generally positive attitudes towards engaging citizens	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Public officials have generally positive attitudes towards engaging citizens	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
There is a strong likelihood that decision makers will give full consideration to public input	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
We have had successful experiences engaging with citizens in the past	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Within the broader community there are various and varied opportunities for public engagement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Open-ended Questions

1. How does your community set goals for public engagement and make decisions about what kinds of activities will fit these goals? What is the process by which public officials and employees make these decisions?
2. Where does the responsibility for citizen engagement lie?
3. What resources are available or allocated towards doing this work?
4. What is your general motivation for involving citizens?