

imagine Columbia's future!

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Fellow Columbian,

With this meeting we are continuing on our exciting journey to define the future of Columbia. At this stage of the journey we ask ourselves questions like, “*What is our vision of the future? What do we want to achieve? What should be done?*”

You are here tonight to join the Citizen Topic Group about which you are the most passionate and knowledgeable. Within the Topic Group, you will review the ideas related to the topic that have been brainstormed in meetings since November, form subtopic groups, determine preliminary subtopic goals, and discuss the recruiting of other members of your topic group.

There are three key entities that will support your work in the Citizen Topic Groups: the Vision Committee, Co-Facilitators and Staff.

- The **Vision Committee** is a volunteer body tasked to guide the process – not the content – of Imagine Columbia’s Future. There are two Co-Chairs to that Committee, M. Dianne Drainer and Jeffery Williams.
- **Co-Facilitators** are members of the Vision Committee and are also serving on a Citizen Topic Group to help facilitate your group’s efforts. One Co-Facilitator has already been selected by the Co-Chairs of the Vision Committee. The other Co-Facilitator will be elected by the members of your Citizen Topic Group. These two Co-Facilitators will lead your group’s meetings and ensure that all information is recorded appropriately.
- **Staff** support will be provided by the City of Columbia. A city staff member will be assigned to your Group to assist with any logistical concerns, such as finding meeting space and arranging meeting times.

On behalf of the members of the Vision Committee that have been working hard to organize this event, thank you for coming. Enjoy the time you are sharing with your neighbors and have fun! We look forward to working with you over the next six months. With your continued commitment we will be able to create a clear vision of what our city can be in the years to come.

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Sincerely,

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