**Public Participation**

**Core Value Pledge**

***WHEREAS****,* the use of the International Association for Public Participation USA (IAP2) decision-oriented, objective-driven, and values-based public participation design is essential for effective public decision-making processes; and

***WHEREAS,*** the implementation of the IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum during project planning phases will lead to a clearly defined role for the public in any public engagement process; and

***WHEREAS,*** the following IAP2 Core Values emphasize the implementation of public participation processes that:

* Are based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
* Include the promise that the public’s contribution will influence the decision.
* Promote sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
* Seek out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
* Seek input from participants in designing how they participate.
* Provide participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
* Communicate to participants how their input affected the decision.

***WHEREAS,***the (Municipality/Jurisdiction) agrees to implement IAP2 public participation processes to make better decisions that incorporate the interests and concerns of all affected stakeholders and meet the needs of the decision-making body;

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*,** that the (Elected Body) of (Municipality/Jurisdiction) hereby proclaims that it will utilize IAP2 public participation Spectrum and values to help all residents and government leaders achieve greater trust, respect, openness, and access during public decision-making.

Adopted by Order of (Elected Body) of (Municipality/Jurisdiction)

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, IAP2 USA

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