



The Mayor's Faith Based Partnership Cabinet Membership

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The Mayor's Faith Based Partnership Cabinet MEETING ASSUMPTIONS AND PROTOCOLS

The Mayor's Faith Based Partnership Cabinet has a very narrow objective: Gather senior inter-faith leaders from across the city to consider what role their constituencies might play in addressing specific needs identified and presented by the mayor, and provide the mayor with the insight of their perspective on issues that he is considering. We summarize the two goals of the Cabinet as, 1) **Collaborative Action** on pieces of common ground that gets something accomplished, and 2) **Collective Wisdom** emerging from relationship. *The following assumptions and protocols will be in place for Cabinet meetings:*

1. **COMMON GROUND:** Though the members of this Cabinet do not believe the same things (doctrine, ideology, methodology, etc.), we believe there are circles of common ground, cooperative projects we can step into that contain enough agreement about something that needs to be done to provide the basis for collaboration. It is our purpose to focus on that. **THEREFORE:** *We pledge to create and step into those circles of common ground for the common good.*
2. **ACHIEVABLE OUTCOMES:** The Cabinet meetings will involve the Mayor making presentations and providing opportunities for involvement that he believes might resonate with some of our joint community goals. **THEREFORE:** *We pledge to pragmatically lean into those opportunities when able, and when consistent with the values and goals we share, to move deliberately toward a specific, achievable outcome.*
3. **SOLUTION ORIENTATION:** With this many gifted and experienced leaders at the table it would be easy to get mired in the nuances of argument or in various methodologies or approaches to community challenges. **THEREFORE:** *To respect the time commitment of Cabinet members and preserve the focus we commit to keeping our answers concise, and to being solution-oriented around the issue at hand.*
4. **CIVILITY:** Our Cabinet meetings will contain chances to provide the Mayor with the unique perspective of our constituencies regarding various issues that he is trying to address. We recognize there will be times when perspectives diverge from his or that of other members. The Mayor welcomes our honest feedback when delivered in a spirit that fosters relationship and understanding. **THEREFORE:** *We agree to respectfully inform the Mayor and other Cabinet members of our opinion, employing civility and favoring the building of relationship and understanding.*
5. **CONSISTENCY:** All Cabinet members represent significant levels of leadership in the community and lead extremely busy lives. To build cohesion and trust between members as well as to build on previous conversations and commitments, it is crucial that all members be present at as many of the three scheduled Cabinet meetings each year as possible. **THEREFORE:** *We agree that we will adjust our schedules to maximize attendance at the Cabinet's quarterly meetings, and will avoid sending others as proxies unless it is absolutely unavoidable.*
6. **ROLE OF CONVENER:** The Fresno Pacific University Center for Community Transformation (CCT) will act in good faith as the convener of the Cabinet and the moderator for Cabinet meetings, facilitating the interaction, including all voices, and recording decisions and actions, as well as communicating details and updates regarding past and future meetings. **THEREFORE:** *We choose to respect the role of the CCT, to channel Cabinet-related interaction to its Director, and proactively help them execute their responsibilities in a productive manner.*

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