

PLAN forward



Lincoln-Lancaster County
2050 Comprehensive Plan



Agenda

- Equity Discussion
 - Group Activity
 - Discussion of Comp Plan Policies
- Transportation Discussion
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- Wrap-Up and Next Steps



Group Activity

Comp Plan Policies

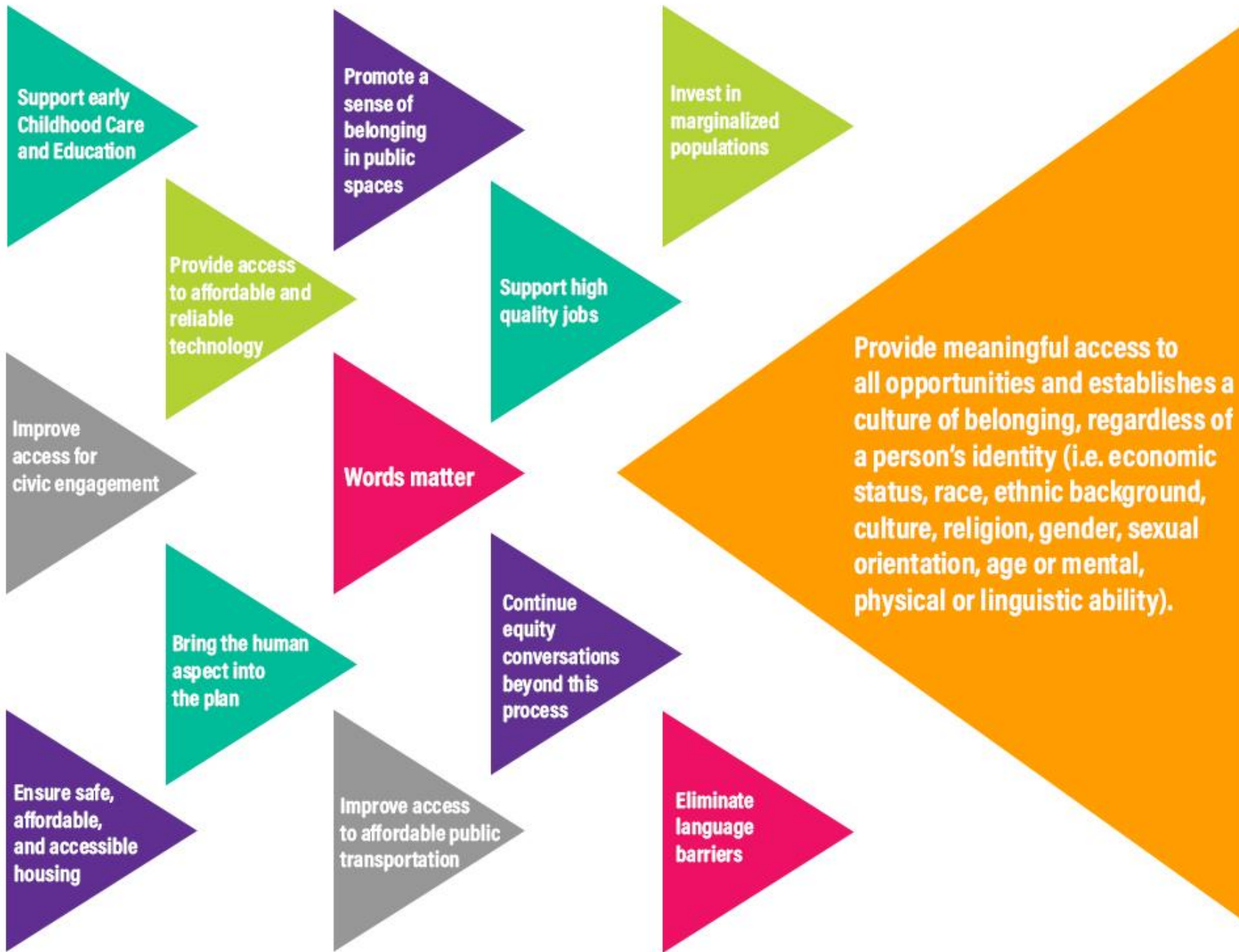


Groundwork

- Establish a definition
 - Equitable: provide meaningful access to all opportunities and establishes a culture of belonging, regardless of a person's identity (i.e. economic status, race, ethnic background, culture, religion, sexual orientation, age, or mental, physical, or linguistic ability).
- Determine areas of interest
 - Workforce Development
 - Community Facilities
 - Neighborhoods and Affordable Housing
 - Energy, Utilities, and Climate Change
 - Technology
 - Business and Economy
 - Public Transportation
 - Early Childhood Care and Education
 - Health

Facilitated Discussions

- Subcommittee was led through a series of meetings that focused on specific policies and broad topics that have intentionally and/or unintentionally have provided a disadvantage(s) to any person or groups of people.
 - Inclusive Communities
 - Co-Facilitators Maja Harris and Francisca Beltran
- Four, two-hour discussions were held between November 2020 and February 2021
- Re-occurring themes during discussions



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Facilitated Discussions

Key Take-aways

- Add policies focused on community resources that may mitigate the need for interactions with Law Enforcement. Explore community investments and focus on equitably providing resources for marginalized populations.
- Affordable and safe housing should be a significant part of Complete Neighborhoods.
- Considerations for developing the city for the working class by providing easy access to:
 - Childcare options
 - Education
 - Transportation

Community Resources

- Law Enforcement
 - Updates to action steps reflective of work that is already happening in community
- Addition of Community Resource and Accessibility Goals
 - Two draft policies: one that focuses on youth; one that is general to all community members
- Libraries
 - Integration of technology
 - Integration of services provided by Library, co-location of services, and partnerships
- Health
 - Update Goal to be people focused
 - Discussion about life expectancy discrepancies between zip codes

Example Draft Policy

Early Childhood Care and Education: Evaluate methods to improve access to and quality of early childhood care and education experiences.

- Childcare centers should be located within neighborhoods and near schools and parks when possible.
- Explore implementation of a citywide, free, high quality, full day pre-K for 3 and 4-year olds.

Question: To what extent should PlanForward 2050 include policies and action steps beyond traditional planning methods and explore community visioning?

Neighborhoods and Housing

Updated Existing Action Items

"Retain existing predominately single-family blocks in some existing neighborhoods, in order to maintain the mix of housing types."

Updated to

"Retain and encourage a mix of housing in existing and new neighborhoods in order to provide a mix of housing types at a variety of price points."

Added New Action Items

"Encourage 'missing middle' units (single-family attached, cottage courts, townhomes, live-work, and a variety of three- and four-plex configurations), including affordable units, to people with a range of incomes."

Question: Do these changes help address disparities? Are they more inclusive of overall development in our community?

Workforce Development

- New section of the plan that addresses training/skills development oriented towards high-quality jobs.
- Integration with the American Job Center and Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development.
- Example draft policies:
 - Support development of a skilled, diverse, and trained workforce to support economic growth and high-quality jobs.
 - Remove barriers to achieving economic stability and mobility.

Question: How can the City & County encourage local businesses to provide fair wages and worker protections?

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