

## Engagement and Evaluation: 2040 Comprehensive Plan Review Process Pre-Meeting Homework for LUAC Members

Between now and July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, please skim context/background below. Also, please spend a few moments thinking about your community and the 2040 Plan; and, read the focus group questions.

### Context: 2040 Debrief of Comp Plans Project Background

The Project has two broad objectives:

- to **engage** local planners – via qualitative and quantitative research efforts.
- to **evaluate** the review process and tools created to assist local communities ([Local Planning Handbook](#), [PlanIt](#) educational programs, [Sector Representative](#) Program); and

Recent engagement has included for focus groups held in June. Participants represented [Thrive community designation](#) groupings:

1. Focus Group #1: community planners from both Urban Center and Urban designations
2. Focus Group #2: Suburban and Suburban Edge designations
3. Focus Group #3: emerging Suburban Edge and Rural designations
4. Focus Group #4: consulting planners. Participating consultants worked in all community types.

All of the focus group participants were technical professionals who drafted, edited, created, and submitted their community's Plan to the Council

### What the Project needs / Ask of LUAC

LUAC Focus Group to consider the same questions as the four earlier focus groups, but respond from a policy maker perspective.

### Your Community and the 2040 Plan questions to ponder

**Please spend a few minutes and think about and** consider your role in the 2040 Update:

- a. were you involved? What did your fellow policymakers say? What conversations did you have with your local staff?
- b. As a local policy maker, did you have a direct involvement or review?
- c. What improvements should LPA Staff consider for the 2050 CPU Rounds?

### Focus Group Questions

Skim and be prepared to discuss as best as you can from your role as a policy maker at the local level:

1. What did your community hope to get out of the comprehensive planning process?
2. Please consider your experience with the comprehensive planning and review process. If you could change one aspect of the process what would it be? It could be technical assistance, process, communication, resources, or something else. How would you change it? And why?
3. In your opinion, what are the most effective ways in which the Council can support communities during the comprehensive planning process?
4. Moving forward and now that the 2040 process is complete, what are the challenges your staff face in implementing your comprehensive plan? What resources/technical assistance can the Council provide to help with those challenges?