

# the NEIGHBORHOODS NETWORK

## WHY ME?



## WHY WOULD I PARTICIPATE?

#### IN GENERAL

- To find out what my **neighbors consider important**.
- 2. To hear the **reports** of the Work Groups.
- 3. To help **select candidates** to run for office.
- 4. To gain a sense of **self-respect** from participating in genuine 'self-governance.'
- 5. To do 'detective work' (participating in one of the work groups).
- 6. To make certain this organization remains decentralized and strictly 'grassroots.' No vehicle for any ideology.



#### TO FIND OUT WHAT MY NEIGHBORS THINK

- 1. **Nothing happens** until we get consensus.
- 2. To get consensus on an issue and its solution, we have to know what our **neighbors think and feel**.
- 3. To know what others think and feel, we have to respect them and their opinions.
- 4. As we frame issues and find solutions, knowing how others feel, the **solutions** will fit **like gloves** they will comfortably add to our common ground.



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#### TO LISTEN TO WORK GROUP REPORTS

- 1. Individually, we have very **limited amounts of time** to investigate issues, find solutions, then implement them.
- By using work groups, we each contribute a little, and get big results.
- The reports of the work groups we set in motion are the crown jewels of the tNN.
- By listening to reports, asking pointed questions, and voting to direct further effort – we **control the work** to the satisfaction of the neighborhood.
- 5. Well regulated work groups are key to governance.



## TO SELECT CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR OFFICE

- 1. There is no point to electing officials unless you tell them what to do. They need to be given **policy mandates**.
- 2. To get a "public servant," you **select the candidate** to run for office. (It's what the corporate wealthy currently do.)
- 3. Then we **get the candidate elected** (using neighborhoods based communications).
- 4. We **monitor** those elected and fire those who don't perform.
- 5. It's **like employing someone** you better know what you want him or her to do and you better follow-up.



#### **GAIN 'SELF-RESPECT'**

- 1. To participate as an **equal in governance**, not as a subject.
- 2. To end my dependency on mass-media for information.
- 3. Use tNN as an effective **means to communicate** with others on matters of importance.
- 4. Make my judgment and opinion count.
- 5. Transform from being an isolated individual to being a **powerful member of community.**



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#### **DO DETECTIVE WORK**

- 1. In a work group, I'll **obtain information** from many sources.
- 2. I'd like to **read** dossiers and **interview** experts.
- 3. I'd like to **analyze** information from different sources.
- 4. I'd like to **compare the results** of different work groups investigating the same topic.
- 5. I'd like to **organize data and present it** to my friends.
- 6. I'm imaginative. I find solutions to tough problems.



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# TO KEEP THIS ORGANIZATION

- HONEST 1. This organization belongs to me and my neighbors.
- 2. It doesn't belong to its initial founders.
- 3. I'll make darn certain that it remains decentralized genuinely "grass roots."
- 4. This is our **best chance to bring self-governance** to the nation. We need to make it work.
- 5. Sometimes it will be tough collaborating with neighborhoods with different philosophical inclinations - but that's what it takes to find consensus.



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## **END of PRESENTATION**