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- What **innovations, ideas, opportunities, and/or action steps** received the most support among your group?

I am not sure this received 'broad support' but the idea of defining existing language in law referring to public participation broadly to authorize public deliberation.

Another idea is a model charter provisions that is a citizen's bill of rights to participate.

Another is civic engagement specialists in agencies.

- In the probes (suggestions, not mandatory questions), we ask about **language, assessment, and technology**. Please share with us anything regarding these topics that resonated with your group.

One example: "Empower federal agencies to organize, convene, facilitate, or fund dialogues, deliberations, meetings, or forums that take place face-to-face or online among groups of people in order to share experiences, learn about issues, explore benefits and drawbacks of policies or plans, make recommendations, or develop plans or decisions in order to guide the decisions or plans of agencies or guide the decisions or plans of nongovernmental individuals or organizations."

Another: "Public deliberation is the practice by which the agency very actively involves both citizens at large and stakeholders in dialogue and deliberation sessions to better inform and possibly shape the agency decision-making."

Another borrows the IAP2 language 1) inform, 2) consult, 3) engage/involve, 4) collaborate (sharing), and 5) empower the public.

- In the probes, we ask about **justice, equity, and freedom**. Please share with us anything regarding these values that resonated with your group.

The group did resonate with the idea of the public's right to initiate deliberative activities in public policy.

- Were there **people** in your group who were interested in working on these ideas? (If so, please be specific about who and the plans being hatched.)

Everyone is overwhelmed. Susan Jegelian (MA) seemed interested at the state level, Don Hurtubise at the local government level, Joe Goldman at the federal level. Don is going to send me his draft of a citizen bill of rights.

- Based on the discussion, what do you think should be the **top priorities** for educators and practitioners?

I need a whole day to work with people on this issue – we barely scratched the surface in 2 hours.

- Additional comments: