



12th & Cambria Advisory Board



**There is no such thing as a single issue struggle
because we do not live single issue lives.**

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12th Street Advisory Board Community Engagement Initiatives

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We began our initiatives for change with the following questions! How do healthy communities thrive? How do we galvanize people who want positive change that fundamentally begins with self? How do elected officials and civil service institutions connect with positive doers and maximize the rare opportunity for genuine progressive development? How do communities that are historically disenfranchised purposefully transform from the destructive monopolies of drug dealers, nuisance bars, blight, high unemployment, diseases, bad health and desolation that have led to demoralizing chaos, adverse wastefulness, and insalubrious habitats? What are elected officials role to guide constituencies, articulate vital messages for change, deploy infrastructure resources efficiently, and help nurture healthy leadership, healthy ideas and wholesome results that would lead to healthy communities? Well, one of the first aspects of accountability is to acknowledge that there is a problem/challenge that is historic. Moreover, healthy communities do exist! What makes them healthy? How do they maintain their respective healthiness?

The 12th Street Advisory Board Community Engagement Strategy

1A. Create an introductory statement or, preamble with regard to individual vision, and the collective insights and perspectives of the group for building a vigorous pro-active community consensus.

1B. One initial tasks was to link with all the stake holders in the Community, City government (Police & Fire Departments, 311, State Government, Federal Government, Schools, Medical Institutions, Political groups, Diverse religious community, Private Sector Businesses, and other Organizations.

1C. Identify all inordinate subtractions from beneficial community development (drugs, violence, disorganization, defective legislative and management policies, citizen disengagement mind-set) and align progressive culture to enable material positive change.



1D. Ingeniously cultivate meaningful established initiatives that have produced verifiable results in the community. Engage and record in real-time the social/economic/political realities affecting citizens.

1E. What are the myriad of benefits with improved community job development in large unemployed sectors within urban neighborhoods? Millions of Americans live in communities that lack access to good jobs; good schools, and suffer from high crime rates. African American adults are more than twice as likely to be unemployed as whites. There is a correlation as to why Black students lag their peers in educational attainment and achievement; and again, large unemployed neighborhoods tend to have higher than average crime rates! These perilous issues are historic challenges. Jobs are essential to improving life for individuals, and therein, communities. Increased employment would help people in these communities lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, poor economic conditions are a life-threatening causation factor behind poor educational outcomes and high crime rates.

1F. Are elected officials fundamental role to help guide constituencies; articulate vital messages for productive change; deploy infrastructure resources efficiently, legislate uniform social/economic policies that help nurture healthy communities, healthy ideas, and wholesome results that would lead to a healthy society? Our research rendered the following facts: Unfortunately, too many political legislators have no solution-based social-compact plan that produces successful results for their respective constituency. Inquire of any politician regarding their success ratio at reducing poverty, high unemployment, crime, violence, theft, drugs use and distribution, and see how they respond. I have done so, and let me relay to you that I am not enthusiastic about their obvious results as witnessed in the community.

1F. Healthy communities do exist! What makes them healthy? How do they maintain their respective healthiness? A more holistic concept of healthy recognizes the influence of the social, economic, psychological, and environmental well-being of the community on people's health. The 12th Street Advisory Board identified key initiatives related to establishing a healthy living consensus in the community. For example, we studied the primary environmental influences for recurring crime behavior, and violence that resulted in resident's trepidation, anxiety, apprehension, uneasiness, mistrust, and leadership fracture to standup and create positive change for their families.

In addition, factors that impeded support behind progressive alignment was soaring unemployment, and the impact of illiteracy on individual advancement toward a higher education, and/or training. A healthy community is one in which all residents have access to a quality education, safe and healthy homes, living wage employment, transportation, physical activity, and nutrition, in addition to quality health care. Unhealthy communities lead to chronic mental, physical, and spiritual disease, cancers, diabetes, heart disease, and diminishment of our immunity system. The healthy community is critical to the positive growth and development of citizens.

1G. Before we can begin to build healthy communities we first must understand what makes both an individual and a community healthy, or unhealthy. Given the previous detailed assessment provided above, we obviously recognize what unhealthy life styles result in, however, there is a further undeclared panorama encumbering the goal for community stakeholders to maintain a healthy social-economic compact in the continued best interest of the community.

Please note, there is a recurring chronic management imprecision from judiciary, probation and parole systems with regard to population recidivists return to the community. Regrettably, too many newly released "individuals with convictions" return to the community void a cohesive well-thought-out life



achievement plan and they “individuals with convictions” revert to the same unconstructive life styles that previously breached their freedoms. The community needs to address these concerns more effectively by establishing the following measures: A “Community Conciliator Panel” made up of pro-active community leaders whose objective is to vanguard the best of the existing community.

One of the functions of the “Community Conciliator Panel” is that they will be formally apprised of all “Individual with convictions” returning to the community. The “Community Conciliator Panel” should be equipped to help shape, support, and direct strategies that produce positive outcomes of “Individual with convictions” back into society. The Judiciary, probation, and parole authorities should be required to give notice and support of all anticipated “Individuals with convictions” release to the “Community Conciliator Panel” that shall retain influence in the reentry evaluation plan.

This prudent authorization alignment protects and helps fulfill an obvious void in the release and recovery mechanisms orchestrated by the Judiciary system, and helps to make the entire release process accountable to all the stakeholders.

Community ECO-CULTURE policies for growth and jobs

Develop Policies that support a well-balanced Eco-Culture Expansion

Educate and Promote Planned Community Growth Prospective

Measures to correct current city planning priorities

Promote wage & unit labor cost increases that are consistent with price stability and productivity trends.

Safeguarding Community Economic Sustainability

Strengthen Aging populations and pension and health care systems outreach

Raise employment rates and labor supply personnel in targeted high unemployed areas

Promote Economic Efficiency

Strengthen Community Growth Potential and Organize Defined Reforms to Produce Real Outcomes

Inculcate Technological Advancement Tools and Integrate into Comprehensive Plan for Development

Foster Community Growth and Development that Generates Jobs & Training

Strengthening Neighborhood Economic Priorities

1H. Establish Formidable Alliances

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Jonathan Latko, Office of Sustainability - Department: Computer Recycling Center Temple University

Senator Shirley Kitchen

City Council President Darrell Clark

Police Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey

Captain Michael Cram 25th Police District

State Representative Curtis Thomas

Michael DiBerardinis Managing Director City of Philadelphia

Mark Focht First Deputy Commissioner of Parks & Facilities

Susan Slawson First Deputy Commissioner of Recreation & Programs

Captain Hector W. Sierra City Fire Department

Pablo Mateo Director of Operations City Town Watch

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City Beautification Department

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Define your vision with a "Community Preamble"

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In summary, we learned to explore the perplexing questions, as that is where the real answers manifest. To wit, please consider the following "Key Formulation Criteria" for harnessing positive change! How do healthy communities thrive? How do we galvanize people who want positive change that fundamentally begins with self? How do elected officials and civil service institutions connect with positive doers and maximize the rare opportunity for genuine progressive development? How do communities that are historically disenfranchised purposefully transform from the destructive monopolies of drug dealers, nuisance bars, blight, high unemployment, diseases, bad health and desolation that have led to demoralizing chaos, adverse wastefulness, and insalubrious habitats?

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