

Deliberation and Consensus/Voting

- All CSC members are eligible to participate in the consensus/voting process
 - Note: Government officials are not eligible to cast a vote; however, they are encouraged to serve in an advisory role in final consensus and decision-making process
- Achieving full consensus of the steering committee may not always be possible
- In the absence of consensus, a majority vote (50%+1) of all community steering committee members present at the time of the vote (or designated alternates in attendance in the absence of the primary member) will be taken
- CSC members shall be present for voting. No absentee voting shall be permitted.
- If a primary member is unable to attend, the designated alternate on the steering committee roster may deliberate in the consensus/voting process
- Reasonable and equitable efforts capture the perspectives expressed in the meeting minutes, committee documents, and related reports

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- The Facilitation Team will ensure questions about agenda topics are clearly answered. In the process of providing clarification, facilitators will assess if CSC members are leaning toward consensus. If achieving **Consensus** is unclear, an official **Vote** may be called.

| Consensus | Voting |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitator will ask eligible voting CSC members if anyone would like to state their opposition to proposal• If the majority of eligible CSC members are in favor, we will not send members into a breakout room for a formal vote• Facilitators will take note of any opposition for further inquiry | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitator will send eligible voting CSC members to a smaller breakout room if there is no consensus• In the breakout room, facilitator will call the name of each eligible CSC voting member• Eligible CSC member will cast their Yes/No vote• Facilitator will record member's vote and finalize results• Facilitator will share results in main room with all present attendees |