

## Community Conversation follow-up from Global to Local



Thank you to all of you who participated in the Community Conversation on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. As promised, [the team at Global to Local](#) wants to share with you a summary of what we heard during the conversation and what we propose as next steps.

### Top topics of conversation:

There were many great discussions at the different tables and lots of different topics were covered. In reviewing all of the notes and listening to the report-back at the end, there are a few topics that seemed to be part of most of those discussions.

- **Safety:** many people expressed concerns about safety in our communities. This included concerns about physical safety, incidence of petty crime, drug activity, and issues like safe walking routes and street lights.
- **Community Connectedness:** we heard many comments that people don't know their neighbors and that there are not enough opportunities to come together to get to know one another and discuss issues in the community. This is also one of the reasons people expressed for not feeling safe—that they don't know their neighbors.
- **Leadership and Advocacy to achieve social justice:** there was a sense that people are not engaged enough in civic life and that there is a need for more participation in civic/political processes. To move in this direction, there is a need to support new leadership in our communities who can be engaged and advocate for community needs and priorities.
- **Access to healthy foods:** There were a number of discussions that talked about wanting access to healthy foods, particularly through farmers markets and community gardens.

### Next steps:

The G2L team hopes to continue to connect with you on ways that we can make progress on the issues mentioned above. Below are a few immediate steps we would like to propose.

- **Let's get together for a meal!** There was a clear interest in continuing this discussion with a focus on identifying ways to work together to make progress. We would like to host a potluck dinner in the next 1-2 months where we can all come together for another discussion. If you are interested in helping with the organization of this event, please let your contact at G2L know. You can also call our office at 206-359-0536 or e-mail [info@globaltolocal.org](mailto:info@globaltolocal.org).
- **Voter registration and mobilization:** We are taking the immediate step of making voter registration available at the G2L Connection Desk, located at 4040 S 192<sup>nd</sup> St. Please come in to register and send your friends and family to do the same. Registering to vote is only one way to get involved and we look forward to discussions on how we can work together to increase civic engagement and build community leadership.
- **Community Advisory Committee:** Global to Local is creating a community advisory committee that will bring people together who have a strong desire to develop their leadership skills and to work on solutions for our communities. Future events, like the potluck, will help us to identify people who might be interested in participating. If you would like to learn more, please talk to your point of contact at G2L, call us at 206-359-0536, or e-mail [info@globaltolocal.org](mailto:info@globaltolocal.org).



Thank you again for joining Global to Local for the Community Conversation. We hope you will join us for the upcoming potluck and that we can continue to work together to build the community we all want.

To see more pictures from the event, visit our website [www.globaltolocal.org](http://www.globaltolocal.org)