

## OUR PATH FORWARD

The COVID-19 crisis has been unlike any we have seen in our time, but while today brings a crisis, tomorrow brings opportunity and recovery. In addition to the crisis, longstanding racial inequities and injustices have given rise to widespread protests and reinvigorated conversations, and we find our region at a critical moment for change. To forge the path to a truly equitable and prosperous tomorrow, we must be open to new ideas and a narrative shift that aligns us around a collective vision for the greater Seattle region moving forward.

For Civic Commons, this is an opportunity to leverage our resources, engage new partners, and elevate a vision to inspire the move to action to building a truly inclusive, prosperous region for all.

Now more than ever we see how it is in everyone's best interest, including those who are more privileged, to ensure the well-being and prosperity of all. We propose that our path forward to recovery requires a new narrative for our collective future. Civic Commons is bringing our community together to write that story through podcasts, profiles, and various partnerships to create belonging and shared prosperity throughout our region and move us towards real change.



## A NEW NARRATIVE

Our main goal in recovery is to create a new narrative. That narrative must be different from the one we've operated with in the past, and must strongly emphasize that:

- All people belong and can contribute.
- Shared prosperity for all must be paramount.
- All solutions must come from multiple sectors and stakeholders.

## OUR APPROACH

### Narrative Shifting

Sharing the stories and work of leaders and community in this time is paramount to understanding and identifying the areas of action required to make change. Podcasts, profiles, and formal partnerships with existing media are integral strategies towards effective storytelling, especially during this time.



### Scorecard for Shared Prosperity

By utilizing our Scorecard, we will focus and reframe what it means to achieve Shared Prosperity and equip regional leaders with a means to evaluate the region's performance and how to work together toward common goals. Moving from a call to action to action, we will build networks to work together in identifying a Thriving Initiative within each Scorecard dimension.



#### ECONOMY

Our economy thrives when the region's businesses expand, hiring is robust, educational attainments rise and traffic delays don't obstruct the movement of people.

[See more data on economy >](#)

Change in GDP

**+ 6.6%**



#### DEMOCRACY

Our democracy thrives when people participate in community processes and engage with elected representatives.

[See more data on democracy >](#)

Change in voter participation rate

**- 6.1%**

White	People of color
- 6.0%	+ 3.0%

### Belonging and Weaving

By partnering with America's Path Forward and the Democracy Network Weaving cohort, we hope to collectively identify our region's most pressing issues, questions and actions. Additionally, by building a Local Civic Collaboratory, we will leverage local/regional actors to co-create a collective narrative shift towards belonging and shared prosperity and leverage our partnership for recovery and civic engagement.



Throughout COVID-19, we have experienced multiple stories...the story of ourselves; the story of us; and the story of now. As we move into a recovery phase we have the opportunity to write a new story and that's our story of tomorrow.