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VLCT Seeks Committee Members For Civic Engagement and Belonging Committee

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Municipal officials with a passion for increasing civic engagement are invited to apply to serve on VLCT's Civic Engagement and Belonging Committee. The committee advises VLCT staff and board members how best to improve engagement and prosocial behavior to foster stronger, more connected communities.

The VLCT Civic Engagement and Belonging Committee is charged with helping the organization implement VLCT's Civic Engagement and Belonging Plan. The committee meets six times a year in a hybrid format primarily to design and implement a workplan that operationalizes elements of the plan each year. The most successful committee members are those with experience bolstering civic engagement, improving access to government meetings and events, or improving a sense of belonging amongst diverse communities. VLCT offers committee members a $75 per meeting stipend to help offset the cost of volunteering.

The current members of the Civic Engagement and Belonging Committee have been instrumental in helping VLCT launch the Governing for all With Skill program, providing networking opportunities for municipal officials engaged in engagement and belonging work across the state, and bringing the 2025 Town Fair keynote speaker, Tami Pyfer of the Dignity Index, to Vermont.

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Any elected or appointed municipal official from a VLCT member is eligible to serve on the committee. VLCT will also consider a limited number of applications from non-municipal officials who are subject matter experts in engagement and belonging work.

To apply, fill out the Civic Engagement and Belonging Committee application and upload a letter of recommendation from the legislative body of your municipality (usually a selectboard, city council, board of trustees or board of alderman). Subject matter experts are encouraged to include a letter of recommendation from their home municipality's legislative body, but it is not mandatory for consideration.

Application period closes Friday, December 11, 2026.

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