

# Changing the Way We Do Things

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Recommendations and Findings of The Futures Committee

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## Strategic Priorities

- Priority 1. Community development interventions should rebuild and strengthen civil society and public life.
- Priority 2. Community development interventions should spring from a long-term Vision that a community has of itself and that embodies the Fourteen Precepts of a Healthy Community. This implies that community development interventions should be comprehensive in nature so as to influence the complex moral and social factors upon which the health of a community depends.
- Priority 3. Community development interventions should leverage, integrate, and coordinate the many diverse actors having an impact on a community. The principal organization to which this responsibility falls is the community development corporation or similar agency within a neighborhood or region.
- Priority 4. Community development interventions should "lead the market" by leveraging capital in the form of private financing and public infrastructure for housing, business, and commercial development.
- Priority 5. Community development interventions should induce wise land use and assembly that gives priority to the redevelopment and infill of inner-city sites in which the public infrastructure is already in place. In the future, localized community development interventions must be strategized within the context of multiple community areas and the metropolitan region as a whole.
- Priority 6. Community development interventions should focus on education, skill training, and skill-upgrading.
- Priority 7. At base, community development interventions should lead to a healthy local economy, with higher levels of disposable income per household and a higher level of median income throughout the community.

## Fundamentals

- 1. Organizing and advocacy
- 2. Leadership
- 3. Planning
- 4. Public policy
- 5. Collaborations and partnerships
- 6. Real estate development and management
- 7. Funding, innovation and performance standards
- 8. Human capital