COLLABORATIVE ACTION, LEADERSHIP AND FLORIDA’S CIVIC FUTURE

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“To go fast, go alone. To go far, go together” - African Proverb
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• FCRC Leadership Council, a distinguished advisory group, challenged the Center to address challenges related to civility, civic leadership, and collaboration in Florida.

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CONSULTATIONS WITH POTENTIAL PARTNERS
FLORIDA’S CURRENT CONTEXT

FLORIDA’S POOR CIVIC HEALTH CHALLENGES:
GROWTH & DIVERSITY

• No state’s population is as old, multicultural, multiracial, migratory, transitory or foreign-born as Florida.
FLORIDA’S CURRENT CONTEXT

Between July 2011 and July 2012:

- 200,797 people migrated to Florida, of which 49% were from another country and 51% from another state whereas the net gain of births and deaths was 34,126.

- Only Miami Dade, Hardee, Gasden, Okaloosa and Escambia Counties had higher natural increase than net migration.
FLORIDA’S CURRENT CONTEXT

Florida’s Poor Civic Health Challenges: Growth & Diversity--the Legacy of Rapid Growth

• No state has grown faster. Between 1950 and 2000, Florida’s population increased by 470% compared to a national growth rate of 87%. By comparison, California, the second fastest growing state, increased its population by 220%.

• Florida’s hyper-growth during the past five decades has many civic consequences, not the least of which is insufficient and underdeveloped civic and government institutions. Rapid growth generates a backlog of unresolved or poorly addressed public policy issues at all levels of government in Florida.
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FLORIDA’S CURRENT CONTEXT

• “Florida’s civic health is among the worst in the nation,” concluded a 2008 study.

• Among 50 states, Florida was 32nd in voter turnout, 40th in citizens helping neighbors, 44th in philanthropy, and 47th in volunteering and attending public meetings.

• A 2009 rating of civic health in America’s 50 largest cities ranked Miami last, and Orlando 48th. Jacksonville and Tampa tied at 47th.
FLORIDA’S CURRENT CONTEXT

BRIGHT SPOTS IN IMPROVING FLORIDA’S CIVIC HEALTH

• “Communities play a critical role in the development and implementation of strategies to address shortcomings in Florida’s civic health.” Florida Civic Health Index 2009

• Between 2004 -2013, seven Florida communities have been National Civic League All-America City winners, including Tallahassee and Delray Beach has won the award twice, in 1993 and 2001
FLORIDA’S CURRENT CONTEXT

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- A three-year Gallup and John S. and James L. Knight Foundation study, “Soul of the Community,” analyzed data from 26 U.S. cities, including four Florida cities (Bradenton, Miami, Palm Beach and Tallahassee) based on the three year average had Tallahassee ranked number one of 26 cities (2.080), Bradenton sixteenth (1.967), Palm Beach seventeenth (1.957) and Miami twenty sixth (1.837).

- The 26 cities in the survey with the highest levels of resident love and passion for their community, or resident attachment, also had the highest rates of GDP growth over time.
FLORIDA’S CURRENT CONTEXT

BRIGHT SPOTS IN IMPROVING FLORIDA’S CIVIC HEALTH- EXAMPLES

• **Leon County’s Citizen Engagement Series**, launched in 2011, is an innovative part of its LEADS program.

• **Sarasota County’s SCOPE program** that informs and engages citizens in dealing with a wide range of community challenges.

• **The Village Square** in Tallahassee and St. Petersburg, supported by foundations and local government, encourages civil discourse among citizens.
A VISION FOR FLORIDA’S CIVIC FUTURE:
MAKING FLORIDA HOME

• We propose making Florida among the best rather than the worst in civic health.
• We want to make Florida the nation’s leader in civic innovation, creating practical models for collaborative action and leadership.
• We view Florida and its communities as a statewide laboratory for improving civic practices by sharing information and learning together.
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WORKING ON MANY FRONTS
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INITIATIVE GOAL

To create a system that provides Florida community leaders and public officials with information and fresh ideas, plus models, skills, encouragement, and recognition to improve the civic capacity, health, and infrastructure of their communities
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MEETING THE CHALLENGE:

OUR STRATEGY

1. Harness and connect the shared interest in civic health improvement among academic, community, business and government collaborative leaders.

2. Work with statewide associations and with universities to develop and disseminate collaborative action and leadership knowledge and in providing training and other assistance.

3. Focus on documenting and sharing civic and collaborative leadership best practices, innovations, and benchmarking.
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AUDIENCES

NON-PROFIT AND BUSINESS LEADERS who need support to strengthen existing community institutions and build new ones that can serve, include, and connect diverse populations

PUBLIC OFFICIALS who need to learn ways to better inform, lead and engage citizens and to collaborate with business and nonprofits to find solutions to community problems

STUDENTS who need civic knowledge, experience, and skills to become tomorrow’s civic leaders
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