

Ending the Forum

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Ending the forum with a reflective question can not only bring a sense of *closure* to the discussion but also move the group to *common ground* and/or *next steps*. Questions to end the forum also depend upon the purpose and goal of the forum.

Purpose	Sample Ending Questions
Individual Reflection	<p>How has your thinking about the issue changed?</p> <p>How has your thinking about other people's views changed?</p> <p>How has your perspective changed as a result of what you heard in the forum?</p>
Group Reflection	<p>What didn't we work through?</p> <p>Can we identify any shared sense of purpose/direction?</p> <p>What trade-offs are we, or are we not, willing to make to move in a common direction?</p>
Next-Step Reflections	<p>What do we still need to discuss/resolve?</p> <p>How can we use what we learned about ourselves in this forum?</p> <p>Do we want to meet again?</p>
Feedback	<p>What value is most important to you in regards to this issue?</p> <p>Based on this deliberation, if there was one thing you could tell city leaders or other public officials, it would be_____.</p> <p>What do you know about the issue now that you didn't know/didn't occur to you before this forum?</p>