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Commitment to Open Government

“Open Government” is the movement to improve government by making it more transparent, participatory, and collaborative. Open Government will help build the public’s trust and satisfaction in government, will improve government’s delivery of services, and will create new opportunities for innovation.

I, _____, commit to support the following principles of Open Government:

Transparency: To increase accountability, promote informed public participation, and create economic development opportunities, the city shall expand access to information.

Participation: To create more informed and effective policies, the city shall enhance and expand opportunities for the public to participate throughout decision-making processes.

Collaboration: To more effectively fulfill its obligations to citizens, the city will enhance and expand its practices of cooperation among city departments, other governmental agencies, the public, and non-profit and private organizations.

With the rise of new technologies and an increasingly connected population, there is a growing public desire for government leaders and entities to adopt these Open Government principles. I will take steps so that [MUNICIPALITY] responds to its citizens’ desire to be more involved in the operations and decision making of their government.

By supporting Open Government efforts, [MUNICIPALITY] will build on and enhance opportunities for citizens to inform government; will further develop the city’s transparency and accountability; and will support opportunities for innovation and economic development.

Furthermore, I will support developing a legal framework to grow a culture of Open Government and will seek feedback about the effectiveness of our Open Government efforts.

I commit to working with city officials, departments, and the public to implement Open Government in [MUNICIPALITY].