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***8 Keys to a successful community ID program***

1. Primary host organization that can effectively coordinate monthly ID drives, and ensure positive collaboration with numerous community partners (most notably, local law enforcement) and volunteers
2. Clear, proactive communication about benefits and limitations of the card (manage expectations), and what is required to get it
3. Be as inclusive as possible (language, race, culture, gender identity, immigration status, faith, socio-economic background), with a focus on vulnerable communities
4. Establish clear vetting system and rules that close gaps for fraud, and also creates possible exceptions for people with special circumstances
5. Create space for compelling dialogue, education, arts, and advocacy during ID drives (be creative)
6. Receive feedback from participants, learn from mistakes, and evolve and expand program overtime
7. Measure program not just by numbers, but by usefulness of card for participants and partners, and quality of relationships

8. Be proactive in messaging about how the program builds, safer, more inclusive and united communities for all, and have public officials, faith leaders, and other citizens come and receive an ID

***Residents who might benefit from a community ID card include:***

- Diverse immigrant/refugee community
- Homeless and low-income communities, and those returning from prison
- Law enforcement, city officials, teachers, and service providers that work alongside these communities
- Religious leaders and community advocates
- LGBTQ community
- Artists, and individuals and families who love the arts
- Citizens who want a greater sense of belonging, pride, and unity in their city

***Primary uses of a community ID card***

- *Law enforcement* (ex: keeps people from going to jail for simply not having a valid form of ID, builds trust between officers and community)
- *City agencies* (ex: access to services from Water Department, Parks and Recreation, Libraries, Municipal Credit Unions)
- *Health Centers* (ex: medical appointments and records, visitation, applying for medical benefits, billing)
- *Schools* (ex: registration, volunteering, picking up child from school, school records)
- *Businesses* (ex: opening a bank account, transferring money)
- *Cultural Arts Organizations* (ex: special discounts on memberships and tickets to museums and theaters)

*\*Some partners may ask for a second form of ID*