EVENT BRIEFING MEMO: THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN INSPIRING CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Iowa City Public Library | Fellowship Area ★ 123 S Linn St ★ Iowa City, IA 52240

Staff Lead: [Redacted] Lead Commissioner: Alan Co-Lead Commissioner: Tom

EVENT DATE & TIME: June 27, 2018 | 9:30 am – 10:30 am

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:
A small group discussion on the critical role community organizations, including civic groups, young professional networks and nonprofits, have in mobilizing civic participation, especially among youth. Participants will discuss how their different groups engage young professionals and youth in civic activities, identify barriers to recruitment & retention and what inspires people to get involved.

The purpose of this meeting is:
➢ To offer Commissioners insights from civic and community organizations on how service impacts rural communities and on critical rural needs that are addressed through service.

PARTICIPANTS:
Participants will be members of civic organizations, young professional networks and community organizations in and surrounding Iowa City.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
The Commission is meeting for one hour in Iowa City for a roundtable discussion with leaders of traditional service organizations (such as Optimus, Rotary, Kiwanis) and newer civic organizations (such as Impact CR, an association of Cedar Rapids area young professionals, and Iowa Campus Compact, which focuses on civic engagement of young adults) to discuss issues across the Commission’s charge, but especially national service. The questions below are provided for guidance only and are not intended to serve as a protocol or script for the meetings.

[Questions listed in a bulleted format]