Sample Guidelines for Deliberative Discussions

➢ The purpose of the forum is to work toward a decision on an important issue.

➢ Everyone is encouraged to participate and to listen to one another.

➢ All the major approaches on the issues are considered fairly.

➢ There is a careful examination of the costs and consequences of each option.

➢ The moderator will remain neutral and will help move the conversation forward by asking probing questions and keeping track of the time.

➢ Plus other guidelines agreed upon by the group.