



TAP GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

“The TAP process creates clarity and objectivity, which in turn create optimism. The expert insights will empower community leaders as we move forward, because more than anything the panelists demonstrated how much opportunity there is for growth in our community. I would recommend the TAP process for any community, urban or rural, rich or poor, interested in planning for the future.”
Alderman Margaret Laurino, Chicago’s 39th Ward

The Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) offered under ULI North Texas’s Technical Assistance Services Program is modeled on ULI’s national Advisory Services Program - assisting communities by bringing real estate, planning, and development experts together to provide unbiased pragmatic advice for addressing complex land use and development issues since 1947. Since 2005, ULI North Texas has been using this model at the local level, conducting numerous panels across the Metroplex.

FRAMEWORK

TAPs are typically two-day intensive working sessions addressing land use challenges proposed by the sponsoring organization - a local government, non-profit organization, or developer.

PANEL

The goal of the panel program is to convene a multi-disciplinary ULI-member team of experts to examine specific land use challenges and help sponsors find creative, practical and implementable solutions based on community realities and best practices. The panel process brings together perspectives from current market, land use and design, financing and development strategies. This objective and diverse team approach would not be available “for hire” anywhere.

- Highly qualified ULI-member teams volunteer their time to serve on the panel and are chosen for their knowledge of the panel topic and screened to ensure their objectivity
- A ULI North Texas member who has served on a previous assignment chairs the panel
- The panel’s recommendations are unbiased and cannot be modified once given to the sponsor

CRITERIA

ULI North Texas accepts TAP applications on a rolling basis. To determine the feasibility of an application, it is reviewed against the following criteria:

- The sponsor is a government or non-profit organization or developer
- The assignment can be completed in 2 days and is supported by local leaders & elected officials
- There is expertise within ULI North Texas’ membership to address the issues
- The assignment is consistent with ULI’s mission of responsible land-use and sustainable communities
- There is demonstrated need from the community and resonance with regional issues

Prior to the panel, ULI North Texas and the sponsor prepare and distribute briefing materials to the panelists.

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