

# Decision Matrix in Community Life

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Every community is unique, but some shared sectors, decisions and factors in community life can be seen across in most (if not all) populations, large and small. This is by no means a definitive list of decisions in public life. It is simply a display of some ideas that contribute to the decisions that shape our lives.

Community projects can focus public awareness on the urgent and important decisions that need to be made in one or more sector of public life. When issues are framed for public deliberation, everyone is invited to participate in effective and critical thinking, identifying the values, hopes and needs that must be included in decisions that are fulfilling for each person and that everyone can live with.

<b><u>Sector</u></b>	<b><u>Decision</u></b>	<b><u>Factors</u></b>
Government	Legislation	Public Needs & Public Resources
Justice System	Judgment	Laws
Business, Finance, Environment	Investment	Cost-Benefit Analysis
Organizations & Agencies	Coalitions, Collaborations, Cooperatives	Shared or Compatible Mission & Vision
Organizations & Agencies	Agreements, Policies, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)	Coordination of Operations
Professional Associations	Practice	Learning & Application... Past, Present, Future
Citizens	Lifestyle	Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs