

# **Committee for the Future of Damascus**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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The Committee for the Future of Damascus is a representative group of citizens from the Community formed to:

- ❖ Define the Community needs in light of urban expansion through Community Input
- ❖ Preserve the quality of life of the Community as defined by the Community
- ❖ Preserve the rights of the people in the Community to self determination
- ❖ Gather data on governance solution for the Community needs
- ❖ Participate in public meetings in an information-gathering capacity
- ❖ Educate the Community as to alternative governance options for the area

The Committee, through citizen involvement, will present information on the types and levels of services available to meet the Community needs, the cost of those services, and the best provider of those services.

The Committee, through citizen involvement, will present information on governance solutions to effect those services.

The Committee believes:

- ✓ That balanced, well-planned, well executed growth, achieved in a financially responsible manner is the desire of the citizens of the Community now and in the future.
- ✓ That government for the Community needs to provide economical delivery of quality services created and designed in response to the needs of its citizens rather than by habit or tradition. This should be achieved by:
  - Facilitating citizen involvement
  - Encouraging planned and managed growth as a means of developing an attractively built environment and protecting and conserving our natural resources
  - Creating diverse employment opportunities leading to an increased tax base
  - Providing and maintaining reliable and appropriate infrastructure
  - Providing and promoting quality housing, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities
  - Providing quality public safety services
  - Operating an adequately funded government in a financially responsible and fiscally sound manner
  - The government maintaining a highly motivated work force committed to excellence and Community values.