

# The Ten Commandments of Community Leadership





## Thou shalt create a vision for the future

- Incorporate community values and beliefs
- Break out of routine thinking
- Listen to different community voices
- Encourage youth to participate in their future
- Focus on what could be, not what is
- Build on community assets
- Cultivate ownership of ideas
- Preserve historic and artistic culture
- Imagine an economy without borders
- Dream of whole communities

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This book reflects leadership styles that build strong communities and inspire confidence in government. I use the “What is right, not who is right” style of governing. It’s my version of the 10 Commandment’s “Critique ideas, not people”.

*Representative Judy Clibborn, Mercer Island*

Maury Forman’s wise advice and David Horsey’s irreverent style helps this book convey the collective wisdom of many successful public officials.

*Mark Foutch, Mayor of Olympia, AWC President*

This collection of values and goals reflects Washington State’s unique commitment to environmental stewardship. The Ten Commandments will help leaders realize a vision of sustainable, vibrant communities for generations to come.

*Mo McBroom, Policy Director, Washington Environmental Council*

When we say “all politics is local,” what we really mean is that successful politicians, at any level, listen when their friends and neighbors are talking. The Ten Commandments of Community Leadership will help you navigate through the often conflicting comments and concerns of those you represent.

*Senator Darlene Fairley, Lake Forest Park*

Whether you are a novice or an old pro, the Ten Commandments are great advice. A must read but an even better action plan!

*Ralph Munro, former Secretary of State*

All of us need to help contribute to responsive, fair and effective forms of government. Following the Ten Commandments of Leadership is a good start.

*Chris Dugovich, President/Executive Director, Wa. St. Council of County and City Employees*

I wish the 10 Commandments of Community Leadership had been available when I started my council service. A dozen pages would have been more accessible than a three-inch binder during those angry public hearings over all those NIMBY projects!

*Representative Fred Jarrett, Mercer Island*

This is a wonderfully illustrated and imaginative treatment of local public leadership. We all live at the local level, and we need our leaders to be highly capable, continuing to reorient their practices and thinking as our circumstances change. Kudos to AWC and CTED for bringing out this most helpful set of reminders.

*Russ Lidman, Director, Institute of Public Service, Seattle University*

These Ten Commandments are very practical, concise and understandable—as local elected and appointed officials we need to follow them!

*Mary Hunt, Douglas County Commissioner*



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