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The following questions are about your experience in the Citizen Deliberation. The questions use a five point scale, with one being a waste of time and five being very valuable. For each question, please circle a number on the scale that best represents your answer. If you are not sure, please circle six (6).

1. On a scale of one (1) to five (5), with one (1) being generally a waste of time and five (5) being very valuable, please rate your overall experience in the Citizen Deliberation.

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1	2	3	4	5	6

2. How valuable was the briefing document in helping you clarify your positions?

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
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3. How valuable were the group discussions in helping you clarify your positions?

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1	2	3	4	5	6

4. How valuable was the panel in helping you clarify your positions?

Waste of time	Neither a waste of time nor valuable	Very valuable	Don't know		
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6

Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statement.

5. My small group moderator provided the opportunity for everyone to express his or her opinion.

Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Strongly agree	Don't know		
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6

The following are questions about the government. For each question, please circle the number on the scale that best represents your answer. If you are not sure, circle 8.

6. If a one (1) represents the view that the federal government should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should just let each person get ahead on their own, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government involvement	People get ahead on own	Don't know					
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8

7. If a one (1) represents the view that the government in Washington ought to reduce income differences between the rich and the poor and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should not concern itself with reducing income differences between the rich and the poor, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government involvement	Government <u>not</u> involved	Don't know					
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8

8. If a one (1) represents the view that the government should provide fewer services, even in areas such as health and education, in order to reduce spending and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should provide many more services, even if it means an increase in spending, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Reduced spending	More services	Don't know					
1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....	7.....	8

9. If a one (1) represents the view that the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses and a seven (7) represents the view that the government is not doing enough to solve our country's problems, where would you place yourself on this scale?

Government doing too much						Government not doing enough	Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

							8

10. Some people think the government should promote traditional values in our society. Others think the government should not favor any particular set of values. Which comes closer to your own view? (Please circle one)

- A. Government should promote traditional values
- B. Government should not favor any set of values
- C. No opinion

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unimportant, 10 is extremely important, and 5 is exactly in between, how important do you think each of the following is to being a good citizen? If you have no opinion, please circle 11.

11. Voting in elections

Completely unimportant						Exactly in between					Extremely important	Don't know
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

12. Discussing politics with others

Completely unimportant						Exactly in between					Extremely important	Don't know
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

13. Being informed about politics and political issues

Completely unimportant						Exactly in between					Extremely important	Don't know
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

14. Serving one's country through military or other public service

Completely unimportant	Exactly in between	Extremely important	Don't know								
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

15. Actively participating as a member of a civic, political or community organization

Completely unimportant	Exactly in between	Extremely important	Don't know								
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

16. How much influence do you think someone like you can have over local government decisions?
(Please circle one)

- A. A lot
- B. Some
- C. Very little
- D. None at all

17. In general, do you think of yourself as...? (Please circle one)

- A. Very liberal
- B. Liberal
- C. Somewhat liberal
- D. Moderate, middle of the road
- E. Somewhat conservative
- F. Conservative
- G. Very conservative
- H. Haven't thought much about it

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9. Who should have the primary responsibility for reducing the levels of air toxics in our air?
(Please circle one of the following.)

- A. State government
- B. Local government
- C. Businesses/corporations
- D. Individuals
- E. None of the above
- F. Don't know

10. How much influence do you think you, as an individual, can have on the issue of air quality in Houston?

- A. A lot
- B. Some
- C. Very little
- D. None at all