ICMA conference

THIS IS YOUR FUTURE, TOO! ENGAGING EVERYONE IN VISIONING

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PLANNING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH "UNPRECEDENTED" PUBLIC PARTICIPATION







Founded 1919

Population ~100,000

Home to Utah Valley University (36,000) Founding place of Word Perfect From 1970 -1990 grew from 25,000 to 70,000 About 98% built out

Utah County set to double within the next 20 years (600,000 to 1,200,000)



Changed the way that we sought community feedback Come to us -> We'll come to you!

Under the umbrella of "Imagine Orem", we planned:

State Street Districts along State Street Neighborhood Plans Geneva Road



Orem Harvest Festival ft. Li'l Sebastian

2500-3000 attendees

400-500 interactions with citizens during the event

Used digital survey methods to capture information and feedback about the future of Orem







Minecraft & Design/Coloring Contest at Public Library

400+ attendees

Activities for the children and the adults, free dinner served



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Virtual Reality at University Place

400-500 attendees

Attendees for both the event and also those passing by in the mall, free dinner served

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Meet people where they are

Remove barriers to public engagement (families, time, etc.)

Provide meals for the public; much cheaper than mailers and it actually works