



Communities
of Belonging
COLOGNE

A Collective Journey Toward a Better Tomorrow

A Community of Belonging is a place where:

- Everyone feels welcomed, safe and significant, regardless of their differences.
- All people are respected, even if they disagree.
- People know each other, care about each other, and take care of each other.
- Everyone works together to create a healthy, thriving, vibrant community, and as a result, everyone benefits.

The Cologne Communities of Belonging Work Group

The Work Group currently consists of more than 30 area residents who want to ensure that *anyone* who lives in, works in or visits the Cologne Community will feel that they are welcomed and belong here – *both today and in the future*. **Now** is the time for us to come together to create the community we desire.



The November 2021 Cologne Survey

The results of the Cologne Community Survey of adults (18+) highlighted a few themes:

What is the Cologne Community doing well?

- People find most other residents to be friendly, respectful, and helpful.
- The community provides a small town feeling of safety and affordability.
- The community is served well by volunteer organizations and people enjoy the community events.

What might be enhanced in the Cologne Community?

- People desire more community gathering places, especially those that serve food and beverages.
- People want to see more economic development including an industrial park, more jobs and a vibrant downtown.
- People desire better communication about what is happening in the community.

Please Join Us to accentuate Cologne's Assets, while also fulfilling our shared Community Desires!

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