

### Leadership Meeting Guide – Find Your Fire

#### Serving Your Community & Finding Balance

##### *Political Female Leadership*

Does running for office sound crazy right now? Probably. There are a lot of local political offices that are part time. There are also appointed positions on boards you can serve on that meet less than once a month. If you could serve every other month or for a short period of time to make your community better, your parks more accessible, your town more pedestrian friendly, or make your children's school better, wouldn't that be a worthy cause? So often people think of politicians as something that is shiny or different, but all politicians started out as a normal citizen who had a passion. Most politicians don't start off in Congress. They start off as a City Commissioner or School Board member. They find their fire normally because of one single issue. For too long women, especially Moms with children, have been under-represented. Time for a change.

#### Speaker or Video program

Female elected-official, Female City Manager or top city official

#### Discussion questions:

1. What issues are important to you in your community?
2. Are the solutions being proposed to solve that issue satisfying?
3. What is our call to serve in leadership according to the Bible?
4. Is there an issue that needs a group of Moms to solve?
5. Have you ever volunteered to work on a campaign or community issue?
6. A lot of work simply requires some work from home? Do you have a couple of hours a week to help make your community better?
7. Did you know many communities have volunteer boards to protect the environment or promote sustainability?

#### Additional resources

- Visit your local government or school board website to find out the issues being addressed. Sign-up for emails.
- Find local organizing groups to get involved in.
- Take a leadership role in your local PTA or Church.

#### Additional activities for off MOPs meeting weeks

Host a meeting for neighborhood moms. Ask them what their concerns are in the neighborhood. Contact church leadership and ask how you can serve the church in a leadership position. Take a local elected official to lunch. They normally only hear from constituents when something is wrong. Take them to lunch while it's all good. Write a thank you note to an elected official for their service. If you have a relationship with an elected official before something happens it's much easier to contact them during a crisis. Volunteer for a campaign.

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