Suggested Moderator Format, with approximate times

(90 minutes – 1 hour, 30 minutes)

5 minutes  I. Welcome
Moderator should prepare a couple of general sentences of introduction; Identify him/herself; recorder and brief general orientation to the topic.

II. Ground Rules

15 minutes III. Personal stake
Q. Is this an issue of importance to you – to your friends? Why?
Tip: Draw from as many folks as possible but do not tarry. Seek different points of view; you need not hear from everyone if time is short.

Q. Are there voices missing? What might they say?

15 minutes IV. Option #1
Moderator should spend a couple of minutes describing this option. Don’t editorialize.

Q. What positive things are associated with this option?

Q. What arguments might be made against this option?

15 minutes V. Option #2
Same format as above.

15 minutes VI. Option #3
Same as above.

5 minutes VII. Tensions or Trade-off
Q. What are the tensions that we see among these options?

Q. What trade-offs does each require?

5 minutes VIII. Common Ground
Q. Can we detect a shared sense of purpose around this issue? Where? Let’s list.

10 minutes IX. Action
Q. What concrete actions could follow that shared purpose?

Q. What could we do collectively?

Q. What would we be willing to do, individually?

5 minutes X. Conclusion
Q. Has your thinking changed as a result of this discussion?

Q. What for you is still unresolved?

***Notes:
- Please remind participants that a final report of the deliberation will also be available on our website.
- Thank you for attending!