



Diversity in Thinking: Improving diversity in thinking within a community is essential for fostering innovation, inclusivity, and resilience. I want to make sure ALL voices are heard and considered when its time to make decisions. This could involve things like holding public forums, town hall meetings, and advisory committees where community members from different backgrounds can share their perspectives and contribute to decision-making.

I'd like to try outreach efforts that would engage minority communities, youth, seniors, and individuals with diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds in community initiatives, forums, and public hearings. Commissioners meet weekly to discuss issues involving our community but on average only about 20 people show up. How can we get the community more involved?

I would like to propose diversity training and education for county employees, elected officials, and community leaders. This may include workshops, seminars, and cultural competency training programs designed to promote understanding, respect, and appreciation for diverse perspectives and experiences.

I will foster collaboration with diverse stakeholders, including nonprofit organizations, advocacy groups, faith-based communities, and businesses, to address community challenges and promote shared goals. By engaging with a wide range of stakeholders, commissioners can leverage diverse perspectives and expertise to develop innovative solutions to complex issues.

But most importantly, I believe in listening to YOU, the residents of Vigo County. Your voices matter, and I'm here to represent your interests and concerns. I understand the importance of representing the voices of all residents, regardless of background or affiliation.

Together, let's build a brighter future for Vigo County.