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# **Call for Community Advisory Committee**

Points of Light is an annual celebration of unity and renewal that brings together the food, music, and traditions of Lowell's diverse cultures. The centerpiece of the night is a special ceremony in which participants personalize water lanterns that will be released onto the Western Canal, creating hundreds of floating points of light.

Points of Light is seeking Community Advisory Committee Members representing diverse backgrounds to help guide the future of the festival. The Advisory Committee would meet with representatives from the Points of Light Working Group and brainstorm and provide guidance on activities, traditions, music, and other aspects of the festival.

- Committee will meet three times on weekday evenings in the months of November, January, and March. Times will be determined with a poll.
- Term is one year, with no term limits.
- Meetings will by hybrid (in person in Lowell and via Zoom).
- The only responsibilities between meetings are to spread the word about the festival and to share calls for artists, community performances or presentations, solicitations for nonprofit or for-profit vendors, and similar calls.

# Is this a fundraising committee?

No! We have a separate fundraising team in the Working Group. However, if you wish, you can certainly help spread the word to possible sponsors or donors.

### Does the position require special skills?

No! The only thing we're looking for are folks with connections with their communities or folks who want to share their cultural traditions with Lowell.

# Who started the festival and who manages it?

The festival was started by a group of residents participating in the "DIY Lowell" program who wanted to use the canal to celebrate Lowell's culture. The festival is now managed by a small volunteer working group composed of residents and representatives from several nonprofits and local businesses. Coalition for a Better Acre (CBA) is our fiscal agent, accepting donations and paying invoices on our behalf.

# Can I be on both the Advisory Committee and the Working Group?

Yes! You can help out as much or as little as you're able. Contact Chris and Laura at <u>hello@pointsoflightlowell.com</u> to express interest!