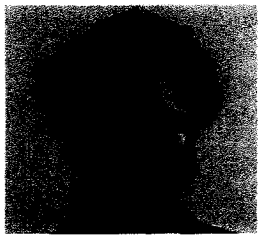
THE LEE INSTITUTE

Collaborating for strong communities.



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Blending a long and successful career as a public servant with excellent facilitation training and broad community experience, Vi Lyles brings a rare combination of skills and experience to her work assisting governments, public institutions and nonprofits with public participation, facilitation and planning.

As a former Assistant City Manager for the City of Charlotte, Vi has personal experience with the challenges and opportunities of the public sector and can effectively support your work with internal and external constituencies.

Facilitation
- Manager and Council relations
- Senior staff meetings and retreats
- Departmental decision-making

Planning
- Strategic planning, theories of change
- Budgetary planning
- Communications

Citizen Engagement and Input

Background
- Joined The Lee Institute in 2004
- Former Assistant City Manager, City of Charlotte
- 28-year career in public service
- BA in Political Science, Queens University
- MPA, University of North Carolina
- American Leadership Forum, Class II Senior Fellow
- Trained in facilitation from IAP2 and the Institute of Government

About The Lee Institute
The Lee Institute is a non-profit organization that serves people, organizations, and the community through leadership development, design and management of collaborative projects, support of community collaboration, and citizen involvement.

The Lee Institute was founded in 1997 to honor the life and legacy of an extraordinary community leader, Bill Lee.

One of The Lee Institute's programs is The Charlotte Region Chapter of the American Leadership Forum (ALF).

At The Lee Institute, we work with our clients to achieve collaborative solutions because answers to many community issues require joint responsibility, public participation and teamwork. Working cohesively across traditional organizational lines can produce superior results.

Our Vision
Collaboration builds strong communities

Our Mission
We design and advance collaboration to achieve results for our clients and their communities.

We provide
- Project Management
- Process Design
- Facilitation
- Leadership Development
- Public Participation

Our clients include
- Non-profit organizations
- Government
- Foundations
- Private sector
- Community-organized initiatives

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