



December 4, 2006

Dear All:

Attached you will find the complete set of recommendations that has been received from the community so far. You have worked very hard to create these solutions to address poverty in our community and to improve the quality of life for all Athenians. Thank you for your work!

There are over 100 recommendations addressing a variety of issues including Education, Early Learning, Dependent Care, the Economy, Housing, Health, Workforce, Mentoring, Service Providers, Transportation, and Adult Education.

Your participation and recommendations have made several things very clear. First, poverty affects all of us. It reflects negatively on our community and limits economic growth. Poverty makes government, education, health care, and social services more expensive not just for the poor, but for everyone.

As a community we have learned that the issues of poverty are interrelated and must be addressed with a holistic approach. High expectations must be maintained not only of our citizens, but also of our institutions. Business as usual is not working. To break the cycle of poverty we need innovation and creativity.

During the next two months we will continue working with the committee chairs and Steering Committee to research and refine the recommendations. The Steering Committee will agree upon the set of PPA recommendations at its retreat in February. These PPA recommendations will be posted on the web and discussed with you at Town Meetings in March prior to them being sent to the Co-Conveners for their approval. Your continued involvement is critical to ultimate success.

Thank you for your commitment to our community!

Sincerely,  
Steve Jones, Chairman  
Partners For A Prosperous Athens

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- **WRITE THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION\*\* (limit focus to one subject or action item, more than one recommendation may be needed to address a particular learning ):**

Co-Conveners, and other community groups and individuals must work together if recommendations will be implemented successfully.

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Help to assure that recommendations are developed and pursued in a timely manner and that we pursue 1, 3, and 5 year goals.

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We need to make sure that the recommendations check out with the perceptions and actual needs of people in poverty. We need to check to see if it works or meet their needs. (Community Conversations in March)

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Make sure we look at comprehensive reform. We want persons in poverty to “graduate” from poverty and then become mentors to others. We cannot simply look at “health” solutions, but comprehensive solutions.

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