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As Municipal President of Tlalnepantla de Baz, I thank you for considering our candidacy to join the Open Government Partnership Local, which is presented in coalition with the Government of the State of Mexico with whom we have agreed to share the resources of the non-governmental organizations that supported our applications, submit to the same monitoring mechanism and establish a single endpoint.

It is widely accepted that participation is one of the fundamental elements of democracy. Over more than three decades, governments have put in place various institutional mechanisms to achieve substantive democracy involving citizens in the design, planning, implementation, evaluation, and decision-making of public decisions.

In Mexico, the National Institute of Geography and Statistics, in 2017, accounting for nearly 12 thousand mechanisms of citizen participation at the municipal level, this is 65.2% of the municipal public administrations of the country, being the areas of public works (78.8%), public security (53.2%), health (52.8%), education (52.5%) social development (48.2%) where they were most frequently implemented.

This large number of mechanisms enable citizens to interact with local government, providing support for participatory democracy. From our perspective, strengthening participatory democracy at the local level, and now economic recovery necessarily goes through strengthening transparency, the collaboration between citizens and government, and leveraging technological advances to provide better public services and address social problems.



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Tlalnepantla de Baz has distinguished itself as a pioneer municipality in the implementation of regulations on transparency and access to public information, with the publication in May 2004 of the Municipal Regulations on Transparency and Access to Public Information. We were also one of the first municipalities to put into operation the mechanisms of citizen participation emanating from state regulations (Citizens Committees of Control and Surveillance; Citizen Participation Councils; Open Council,) and currently, we are one of the 44 municipalities of the State of Mexico that has installed and have worked the Municipal Anti-Corruption System that involves citizens in the monitoring of acts of government.

In this interest of strengthening citizen involvement in public affairs, the municipal administration 2019-2021 was given the task of generating a single channel of information, participation, and collaboration with citizens, providing validity and functioning to institutional mechanisms of citizen participation. In this context, the following achievements were made:

- Creation of a catalog of municipal participation mechanisms available on the website, which gathers accessible information about its activities, agreements, members, agenda, and news.
- A total of 18 citizen participation mechanisms were identified, of which in this first stage the following were incorporated: Open Council, Municipal Anti-Corruption System, Citizen Control and Surveillance Committees, Planning Commission for Municipal Development, Neighborhood Security Networks by Square, Peace Councils, Welfare and Justice, Tequio, whose main feature is to collaborate with the municipal government in the design, implementation, and evaluation of public policy.
- Improved information collection generated by participation mechanisms and their publication so that citizens are informed and in contact with municipal authorities.
- The municipal government has six budgetary programs aimed at the operation of the participation mechanisms, as well as staff for their proper functioning.
- It is the only repository that, in addition to providing regularly updated information, encourages citizen involvement in public affairs through electronic contact with officials responsible for the mechanisms. <http://www.tlalnepantla.gob.mx/pages/repositorio>

We must emphasize that these efforts to articulate and strengthen citizen participation have led to a reference in the issue, in which civil society organizations such as the National Observatory of the National Anti-Corruption System, B.C. collaborate with the municipal government, who bring their expertise in transparency, anti-corruption, and bonding with other social actors; Jale Social, A.C. organization that has deepened knowledge of the mechanisms of citizen participation, transparency, and open government. Likewise, collaboration with the Government of the State of Mexico and Tlalnepantla will enrich the participation of other



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organizations and enable the combination of resources and knowledge to monitor, monitor, and assess the actions we take.

Likewise, we see the opportunity to coordinate joint actions between municipal citizen participation mechanisms of peace culture and public security, with the caravans of Daily Justice of the State of Mexico, in the prevention of violence against women, acts of mediation, and conciliation, civil registration services, among others.

We are confident that being part of the Open Government Partnership Local will enhance the efforts we have built between the citizens of Tlalnepantla and its municipal government and enable innovation in methodologies and technologies that increase citizen involvement in:

- Public security and Culture of Peace, Justice, and Welfare. Development of actions aimed at strengthening the participation of citizens in the prevention of crime, the exercise of the right to the city, promote solidarity and family and community harmony.
- Transparency and Anti-Corruption. Strengthen the culture of transparency and anti-corruption with the support of citizens.
- Mobility. Development of actions to improve mobility and the use of technologies in the provision of public services.

It is also a great opportunity to disseminate the lessons learned and collaborate with other local governments, since the municipal administration I represent, is part of the Association of Local Mayors of Mexico, A.C., in addition to being adhered to the Joint Declaration for the Implementation of Actions for an Open Government 2016 promoted by the National Institute of Transparency, Access to Information and Protection of Personal Data and civil society organizations. The platform enables coordinated work between different levels of government and civil society organizations for the establishment of an open government in Mexico.

We express our enthusiasm for being part of the alliance and are confident that the experience achieved and the support we receive from the Open Government Partnership will motivate citizens, officials, and other municipal governments to improve people's living conditions and regain the path of development with a harmonious vision with the environment, social justice, and economic development.


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