

ULI Houston

Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) Program A ULI Advisory Service



Objective of ULI Houston's TAP Program

ULI Houston's TAP program provides expert, multidisciplinary advice to public agencies and non-profit organizations facing complex land use and real estate issues in the Houston/Galveston metropolitan area. Drawing from its extensive membership base, ULI Houston conducts panels to offer objective and responsible advice on a wide variety of land use and real estate issues ranging from site-specific projects to public policy questions. The TAP program is intentionally flexible to provide sponsoring organizations a customized approach to specific land use and real estate issues.

ULI Houston has conducted TAPs for the City of Galveston, METRO, Rice Military, Midtown and Neartown neighborhoods, as well as partnering with the University of Houston on inner city redevelopment strategies.



How a TAP can help a public agency or non-profit organization

The TAP program can help to address a broad range of issues, including:

- Evaluating growth issues including economics and management;
- Analyzing the re-use potential of existing properties;
- Identifying key economic and land use issues relating to public/private land use situations;
- Evaluating specific development and land proposals or issues;
- Assessing overall development strategy and business planning for public agencies;
- Developing criteria for evaluating development proposals.



Who serves on a TAP?

A TAP consists of volunteers from the over 1,000 ULI members in the Houston District Council chosen specifically for each assignment. Depending on the assignment, panel member expertise includes developers and owners, investors, designers, planners, engineers, market and financial analysts, as well as members of the public sector. Panel members volunteer their time at no cost.

TAP Application and Schedule

After completing an application, members of the Advisory Services Committee will arrange an initial meeting to understand and refine the assignment objectives as well as identify key issues. Decisions on whether the committee can accept the panel assignment will be determined shortly after the initial meeting. A two- to three-month lead time is necessary to provide sufficient time to assemble the best available panel members, compile briefing materials, and plan logistics of the TAP program. ULI Houston charges a fee for each of its panels to cover associated costs and staff time.

To learn more about the TAP program or to request an application, please contact Ann C. Taylor, Executive Director, ULI Houston at 713-349-8821 or by email at ann.taylor@uli.org

