

**Discussion Starter 6:  
Next Time . . .**

**Directions.** Read the items in the list below. Refer to at least three of the items in your responses to the prompts that follow.

**Elements of a Forum**

- avoiding arguments
- focusing on one issue
- listening respectfully
- researching the issue
- being open-minded
- forum's time frame
- making trade-offs
- responding to others
- considering choices
- issue books
- moderator's role
- sharing experiences

**1.** In participating in the forum, I benefited from \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**2.** In participating in the forum, I had the most trouble with \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**3.** In a future forum, I would like to see more \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** In a future forum, I would like to see less \_\_\_\_\_

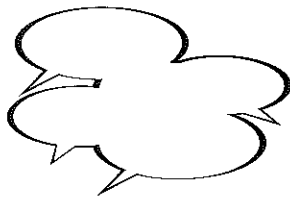
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**5.** In a future forum, I will try to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



### Discussion Starter 7: What's Next?

**Directions.** The prompts below may help you determine what actions you might take, now that you have participated in an issue forum. Complete the prompts using the lines provided.

#### **NIF Issue:**

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**1.** Below are a few activities or actions you might consider after you have completed an issue forum. Check off which actions you would be willing to do.

- Write to an elected official
- Take action in the community
- Organize or participate in another forum
- Write an article or a letter to the editor of a newspaper

**2.** List at least two more related activities or actions that you might consider. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Complete the following two statements:

**3.** *I am/am not* (circle one) willing to take action about the issue because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** I might be willing to take action about the issue if \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5.** Would you prefer to act alone or with a group? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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