Prospect Visit Decorum





# Decorum During The Prospect Visit"Just Say No"

















# DON'T BASH YOUR COMPETITION

















- Just Say No To Discussing:
  - Politics
  - Other Potential Prospects/Projects Unless They Area Announced
  - Negotiations Past 1<sup>st</sup>
     Base







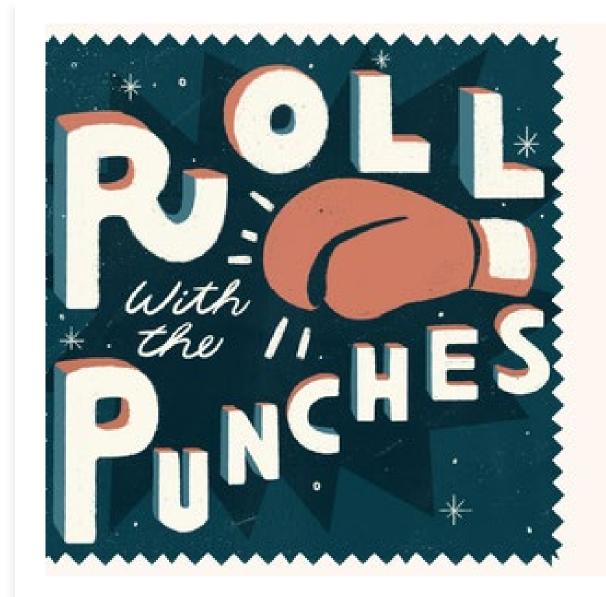


# **Expectation of Confidentiality**



 Don't OVERDO Trying To Match Your Prospect's Culture

- Prospects Are Often Late Or Get Off Schedule, Relax, & Roll With The Punches.
- Coach Your Team To Expect The Unexpected & Roll With The Punches.



Your Spokesperson
 Must Bring Good,
 High Energy



- "Please"
- "Thank You"
- Open Doors
- Help With Luggage
- Clean Up After Yourself

#### You never get a second chance to make a first impression.



- Offer To Ship Any Large Items You Present The Company During The Visit
  - Gifts
  - Maps
  - 3-Ring Binders of Information





- Be Honest With Clients
- Speak Clearly
- Ask Clarifying Questions
- Be Attentive To Body Language
- Be Solution Focused
- Talk In Timelines





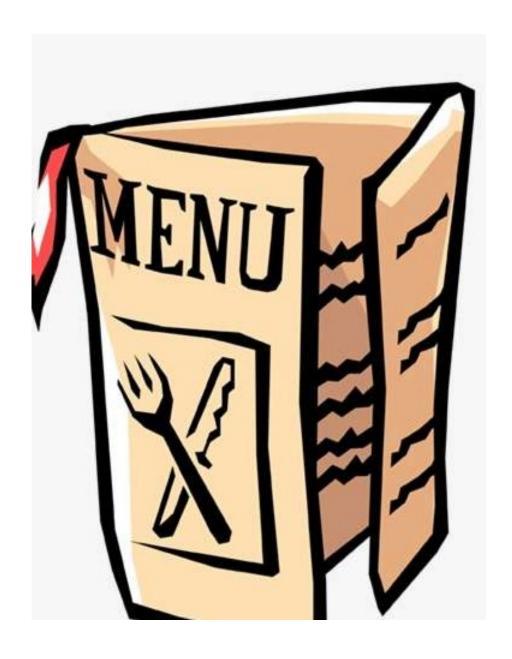
#### Prospect Team:

- Local Economic Development, State Economic Development, Elected Official or Development Agency, Utilities, Schools, Workforce, Existing Industry, Chamber of Commerce (To Speak To Attitude Of Community Towards Business), Building/Site Rep, Engineer, Entrepreneur Or Executive Not From The Area Who Moved There & Is Successful & Loves It
- Prepare Ahead Of Time
- Have 1 Person Sell The Workforce Primarily, Not 17 Different Agencies



# DRESS CODE

- Ask The Consultant Or Company If They Will Be Dressed Business Or More Casually Since They Are Touring Sites.
- Dress As If You Are Going To Church If You Don't Hear From The Prospect.



- Food Options:
  - Ask Consultant Beforehand If Anyone Has Any Food Allergies.
  - For Meals Have Vegetarian Option, Fish, Chicken, Beef.
  - Have Healthy Snack Options In The Prospect Meeting Room & Vehicle For The Tour Plus Drinks.



- Vehicle Options:
  - What Vehicle(s)?
  - Who Rides In What Vehicle?
  - Plan Route (Residential, Recreational, Industrial)
  - Show Video During Route?
  - Keep Drinks, Snacks, First Aid Kit Onboard.



- Agenda:
  - Allow Time For Breaks, Calls, Email Checks.
  - Ask The Consultant Or Company What They Want On The Agenda.
  - Ensure Each Person On Your Prospect Team Knows Their Role, Introduce Everyone By Having Them Say 1 Thing They Love About The Community.
    - Identify One Person As The Primary Note Taker.
  - Ensure You Have One Primary Master of Ceremonies With High Energy.
  - Typically:
    - Community Overview Of 10-15 Minutes Max
      - Begin With A Community Map
    - Presentation On Site/Building, Labor, Transportation, Education, Financing, Quality Of Life
    - Tour
    - Existing Industry Visits
    - Meal

- Information Packet:
  - Name, Title, Contact Information Of Everyone Prospect Will Be Meeting
  - Agenda
  - Building/Site Overview
  - Community Overview
  - Labor Overview
  - Top Employers / Support Companies
  - RFP Answers





- Maps:
  - Have Lots & Lots & Lots Of Maps On Hardboards, As Handouts, On Projection Screens.
  - Community Map
  - Site/Building Map
  - Transportation Infrastructure Map
  - Utility Infrastructure Map
  - Flood Plains Map
  - Topo Map
  - Wetlands Map
  - Regional Map

- Building/Site Visit:
  - Have Sites Boundaries Flagged
  - Have Site Clean/Mowed If Possible
  - If A Building:
    - Open All Dock Doors
    - Turn On All Lights
    - Clean
    - Map of Layout With Column Spacing, Infrastructure
    - -Keep Bolt Cutter With You
    - -Have Backup Site/Building In Mind If Visit Goes Poorly



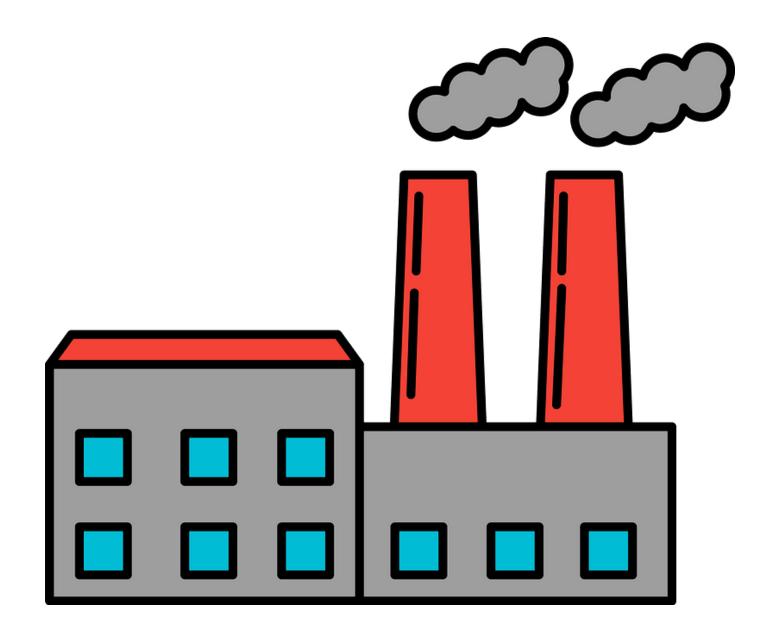
- Lodging:
  - Recommend Which Hotel Prospect Should Stay In
  - Check Out Room Ahead Of Time For Cleanliness, Smell, Temperature, etc.
  - Leave Gift In Room With Community Overview



- Elected Officials:
  - Prepare Them Beforehand Their Role Is That Of An Ambassador For The Community
  - Ensure Government Will Support The Project Both Before It Is Located & Afterwards
  - Demonstrate The Community
     Has A Positive Attitude Towards
     New industry



- Existing Industries:
  - Prepare For Confidential Interviews
  - Your Team Sells The Building Or Site, Existing Industries Sell The Community & Location



- Meeting Room:
  - Get The Right Sized Room, Not Too Big, Not Too Small
  - Temperature
  - Tech Equipment
  - Coffee, Water, Snacks



- Gifts:
  - Make It Unique To Your Community
  - Don't Spend More Than \$50



Anticipate Your
 Weaknesses &
 Have A Plan Of
 Attack For
 Overcoming Them



#### **Be Careful**



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#### **Be Careful**

- Small water utility providers, planning/zoning/city engineers, small town elected officials.
- Hold your individual team members accountable, if someone doesn't perform well either get them coaching or replace them.
- Don't Have Too Many People In Any 1 Meeting, More Than 10 Is Likely Too Many



#### **Final Tips**



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#### **Final Tips**

- Ask Your Hospital's Physician Recruiter How They Sell The Community To Physicians & Their Spouses
- Have Someone On Call Who Is An Expert On Your Local and State Taxes
- Be Careful On Your Quality-Of-Life Pitch, Not Everyone Like The Same Things, Focus On Good Schools and Healthcare





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