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- Explore the option of formally affirming their city or municipality as compassionate with support and resources from the Greater Vancouver Compassion Network (GVCN) and others.

Compassion is not exclusive to any individual group or ideology, and is a fundamental human need across all facets of society. The intended outcome of discussing compassion is not to lobby for additional government money or programs—rather, it is to build social capital among civil society, businesses, and municipal governments, and to strengthen collective resilience for addressing growing social, environmental, and economic development challenges.

Examples of Actions Taken by Compassionate Cities

Examples of actions taken by cities that have formally declared themselves compassionate include:

- *Promoting volunteerism.* Louisville, Kentucky is implementing a “Mayor’s Day of Service” to mobilize volunteer businesses and citizens.
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