

## Meme Repair Kit for Lakewood

### **Beige**

- Acknowledge the instinctual tendency to project human qualities upon the world.

### **Purple**

- Engage the lake's water and wind through attention to the quality of air and breathing, thereby increasing a sense of magical security and connection to the elements of the city as the good container.
- Adopt "bottom up" techniques - chanting, dancing, drumming, hyperventilation on the lakefront - to increase your capacity for ecstasy.

### **Red**

- Produce the recognition that all Lakewood inhabitants are allies in place.
- Create a positive sense of person in relation to the city's turf.
- Allow bonding to take place through exhibitions of physical activity, strength, and/or dexterity.

### **Blue**

- Support and appreciate the mayoral vision of an effective municipal police force, safe clean city, and respect for Lakewood's historical treasures.
- Align resources purposefully through Lakewood Cares.
- Make creative adjustment within Lakewood's ordered residue of hierarchical society.
- Develop strategies to compel public servants to reside in city.

### **Orange**

- Participate in community forums such as Lakewood Alive and Lakewood Future Tools.
- Ascertain community's risk tolerance for any public-private economic development partnerships.
- Break the power of the automobile, mass media, meds and money over your life.
- Change laws to accommodate family -run home -based businesses.
- Commit to local shopping and trading.

### **Green**

- Appreciate purposeful law and hierarchy.
- Observe the Yellow push forward from collectivism to ward libertarian autonomy, irony and culture-jamming.
- Provide broadband as a municipal utility to all businesses and citizens

### **Yellow**

- Cut through the meme limits of your conditioned center of gravity.
- Realize your personal uniqueness in this city.
- Re-awaken libertarian impulse to the sacrificial potentials in blue meme order and preservation efforts.
- Regenerate our city through unique contributions to a visionary organ, i.e., *The Lakewood Observer*.

### **Turquoise**

- Manage Orange meme suburban perceptions of chaos, creativity and crowdedness of urban life.
- Build a sustainable city with people in self-motion, living with a self-awareness of order that dissipates chaos and disorderly conduct in creative ways.
- Launch "improvised economic devices" as circuits of exchange.
- Establish Lakewood Organic Farms.
- Let our words, thoughts and deeds give rise to repair effects upon each meme.

### **A Note on Sustainability**

In Lakewood, sustainability is the regeneration of consciousness through means that allow us to recognize the numinous quality of the lake and the transmutational quality of its air.

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COLOR	Life Conditions	Coping Means & Psychological Activations	Lakewood Markers
<b>BEIGE</b>	State of nature Biological urges, desires and needs Physical senses dictate state of being	Instinctive Reproduction Survival	Aristocrat/Nursing Homes
<b>PURPLE</b>	Placating the “spirit realm” Creating family bonds Protection from harm	Animistic Tribal traditions Group rituals	Contra dancing at Masonic Temple Pagan drum circles
<b>RED</b>	Survival of the fittest Law of the jungle Nature is an adversary to be conquered	Egocentric Self-assertion for conquest Exploitive	Gothic murder Skateboard Park City Hall mobilization “Karate kids” Wrestling at Masonic Temple
<b>BLUE</b>	Controlled by Higher Power that punishes Rewards for good work Righteous living	Absolutistic Obedience to Higher Power Conforming	Lakewood Cares Lakewood Police (K9 units, motorcycles) New Gen X family Lakewood Catholic Academy
<b>ORANGE</b>	Full of resources to build and develop Making things better Drive for prosperity	Multiplistic Pragmatic solutions to achieve ends Test options	Lakewood Alive Main Street Initiative Rockport Center
<b>GREEN</b>	A habitat wherein humanity can find love Human affiliations Sharing	Relativistic Respond to others’ needs Consensual and situational	Lakewood Dollars Clean Indoor Act/ smoking ban
<b>YELLOW</b>	Chaotic organism in which change is constant Uncertainty is usual state of being	Systemic Integrative and interdependent models Accepting and flexible	Lakewood Buzz Recycled Rainbow Phoenix Coffee
<b>TURQUOISE</b>	Delicately balanced system of interlocking forces at risk in human hands	Holistic, transpersonal “Collective consciousness” Interconnected	Lakewood Visionary Alignment Lkwd. Cafeteria U. Blueprint for Brainpower - library & school construction

**Building Affective Capital in Lakewood**

“A state of relatively sustained emotional excitement, can facilitate the reorganization of our cognized environment.”

- E. D’Aquili & A. Newberg. *The Mystical Mind: Probing the Biology of Mystical Experience*

**Lakewood Change States**

**ALPHA STATE** - Memes fit the predominant life conditions. Stability.

Lakewood’s ‘Blue’ Heaven - 1956 - 1980

- Peak population of 80K
- “City of Churches”, “City of Homes”

**BETA STATE** - Old meme lacks capacity to deal with changing circumstances, thereby creating questions and doubt. Turbulence.

Lakewood’s De-industrialization Nightmare - 1980-1990

- School levy failures
- Population loss and out-migration by “sprawlgeoisie”
- The end of Lakewood as Sinagra’s Republican senior Mecca (Blue)

**GAMMA STATE** - New memes launched to create new Alpha State fit. Tones of frustration and helplessness can emerge from a failed launch. Revolt and reform are possible.

1999-Present

- Gen-X Globalization Income Bust-out (Orange)
- Exit Chris Andrews, Madison Village visionary (Orange)
- Issue 47/Shopping Mecca (Orange)/Civil War (Red)
- Cain Mutiny (Red)
- Rebuilding educational infrastructure (Blue)
- Lakewood Alive (Orange)
- Lakewood Dollars (Green)
- City on ‘Red’ Alert (Red)
- Lakewood Cares (Blue)
- Gothic Murder outside Drug Mart/Phantasy Nightclub (Red)

**DELTA SURGE** - Energy and intelligence join human agents to a transformational pathway that makes a huge difference.

- University initiative
- *Lakewood Observer* newspaper
- Lakewood Visionary Alignment

**Place-Making with Good Neighbors on the Lake**

- Flow =Quality of Life
- Increase the flow states in the community.
- Refresh the conventional sense of local living in Lakewood by engaging good neighbors.
- Cultivate the habit of good neighbors listening to one another.
- Activate through the Lake a sense of the liminal among good neighbors, that is, the threshold of physiological or psychological response to the unique energy that permeates the people and place.
- Make Lakewood permeable to new experience, ideas, mechanisms and structures among good neighbors who are joining society to economy, conscience to knowledge.
- Obtain commitments from good neighbors to act on projects that will stretch beyond circular, self-justified egocentric gated communities.
- Know there is a beginning point and ending point to each good neighborhood.
- Realize that a commitment to sustainability is shift in consciousness; it is not about constructing a pretty fence.
- Understand that places and institutions can get high -jacked by interests that lie outside the particular community, i.e. absentee landlords, absentee corporations and absentee public employees.
- Construct IEDs - Improvised Economic Devices