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The President is announcing the dates and cities for six Public Forums on Domestic Policy to be conducted across the country before the end of the year as part of a major Domestic Council review of domestic programs.

The Forums, to be chaired by the Vice President with Cabinet members and other Federal officials participating, will begin on October 21 in Denver, Colorado. The remaining schedule will include:

Wednesday, October 29	Tampa, Florida
Tuesday, November 11	Austin, Texas
Tuesday, November 18	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, November 25	Indianapolis, Indiana
Tuesday, December 9	Los Angeles, California

The review is designed to provide fresh recommendations on domestic policy.

The President stressed the high priority he placed on this review during the last Cabinet meeting, and said: Our 200th anniversary is an appropriate time to reflect on the past and look toward the future. He feels it is essential that we look at domestic policy from a broad perspective and not in isolation. For example, Federal programs affecting the health and welfare of the American people have a direct impact on employment, the role of State and local governments, and the economy.

Therefore, the President asked the Domestic Council neither to isolate the issue, nor to isolate themselves with only a Washington perspective. He also asked that they seek out the best and broadest advice possible from throughout the country so that we can use our domestic resources in a way that is responsive to the needs of the people.

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The President has asked the Domestic Council to focus its review on the four following major domestic policy areas:

- . Economic Recovery
- . Resource Development and Environment
- . Social Policies
- . Community Building

While the Forums are expected to center on the four general areas, specific discussion issues may vary in emphasis depending on regional interests.

The Forums will consist of one-day meetings. Public witnesses will present testimony on major policy issues and respond to questions. During the afternoon, four separate simultaneous sessions will be held with representatives of the public discussing specific issues with Cabinet members and other Federal officials.

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