

Digital Governance Council Verification Statement

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Verification Claims:

PlaceSpeak has been independently verified by Digital Governance Council ("DGC") in accordance with **DGC Digital Trust Conformity Assessment Program**. The PlaceSpeak Consultation Platform was assessed in accordance with the following:

- **Main Scope:** Digital Trust (<https://github.com/dgc-cgn/CAS-Digital-Trust>)
- **Topic:** Digital Identity
- **Sub-Scope:** Trusted Digital Identity (<https://github.com/dgc-cgn/CAS-Trusted-Digital-Identity>)
- **Focus:** Certified B Corporation
- **Assessment Class Level:** Class 1: Attestation Method
- **Applicable Standard(s):** CAN/DGSI 103-1:2023, Digital Trust & Identity – Part 1: Fundamentals
- **Accreditation Standard(s):** ISO/IEC 17029:2019, Conformity assessment — General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies

The verification claims are:

1. The primary mission of PlaceSpeak is to facilitate legitimate and defensible online citizen engagement processes by connecting the digital identity of real participants to their physical location. The vision of PlaceSpeak is to empower people to make a meaningful impact on their communities and to ensure that input and feedback are presented as authentic evidence to inform public sector and government decision-makers.
2. The PlaceSpeak online consultation process is designed to be conducted within a specific geographic region and to ensure that individual respondents are from within the boundaries of that region.
3. The PlaceSpeak geo-verification process connects individual participants' legitimate digital identity to their physical location by means of an online proof of residency process. As such, PlaceSpeak can ensure that feedback data is coming from real, relevant people from affected communities. In support of these processes, PlaceSpeak has in place the necessary methods to ensure that participants are properly verified and authenticated prior to gaining access to the PlaceSpeak Consultation Platform.
4. The authorized representative on behalf of PlaceSpeak has provided the necessary and sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the PlaceSpeak Consultation Platform adheres to the minimum requirements in the applicable standard to support the verification claims detailed above.

DGC Statement of Assurance

DGC assures that the assessment process was conducted impartially, fairly and transparently using evidence provided in accordance with DGC Digital Trust Conformity Assessment Program, policies and procedures publicly available at: <https://github.com/dgc-cgn/CAS-Digital-Trust>.

This verification statement is subject to the following:

*Until such time that the DGC Digital Trust Conformity Assessment Program receives accreditation this verification statement shall be relied on as an **interim acknowledgement** only. Once accreditation is received, this verification statement shall be reviewed and considered for **formal recognition**. This is a third-party verification.*

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Signature:



Tim Bouma, Director of Verification and Assessments