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It's also more than just policy—it's about people. Real change begins when the voices of ordinary Sabahans are heard, respected, and reflected in the decisions that shape our future. This initiative offers a rare and credible platform for inclusive, informed, and solution-driven dialogue."

He added, "But this is only the beginning. I urge the public to continue following the outcomes of this initiative closely as we head into the state election. We must speak up, stay engaged, and hold our leaders accountable.

At the same time, I call on all political parties and leaders to listen to what the people have expressed and to incorporate these aspirations into your election manifestos. This is your opportunity to show that you are serious about participatory governance and people-centered leadership.

We also hope this initiative inspires more Sabahans — especially our youth — not just to speak out, but to do so constructively. Sabah doesn't just need louder voices—it needs wiser, braver, and more committed ones."

Although the Final Town Hall is a by-invitation-only event, Sabar welcomes expressions of interest and support from members of the public.

Individuals who are passionate about shaping a better future for Sabah and wish to attend or contribute to this initiative are encouraged to contact the organising team — Majella at +60 10-370 7069 or Adelina at +60 17-810 0102 — for consideration.

Sabar looks forward to engaging with committed and like-minded Sabahans who are ready to voice their ideas and contribute constructively to the state's policy future.

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"Sabah Voices to Action - Shaping Sabah's Future Together" is a citizen-driven, non-partisan initiative running from March to June 2025, dedicated to amplifying Sabahans' voices, fostering meaningful discussions, and shaping policies on education, healthcare, public infrastructure, and good governance.

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