



# Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument



July 29, 2021

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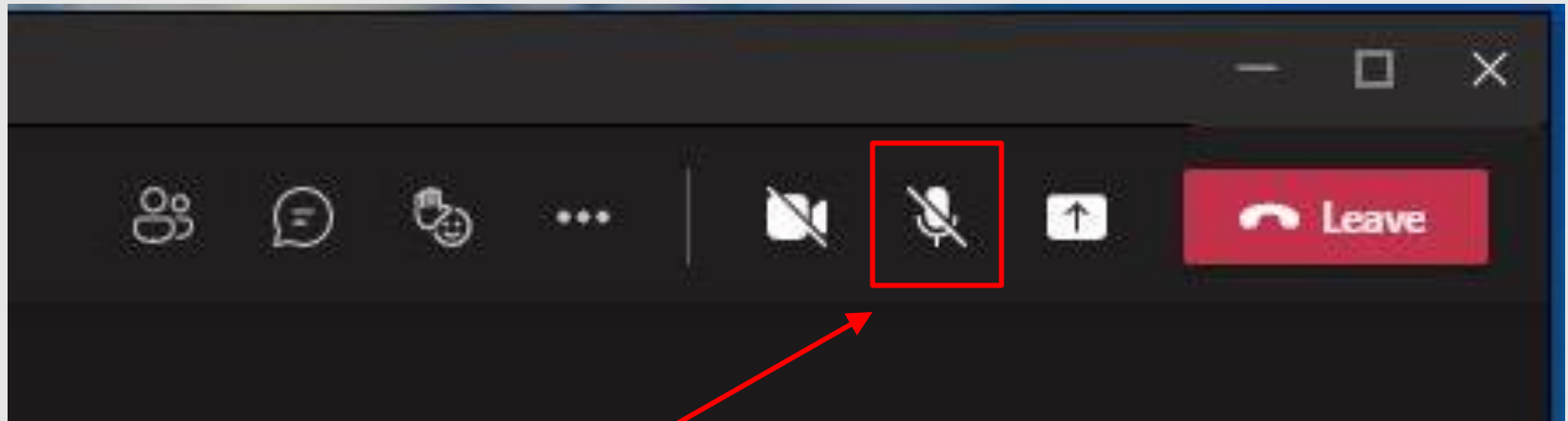


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## Agenda

- ✓ Why was Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument created?
- ✓ What is the National Monument boundary?
- ✓ What is a Foundation Document?
- ✓ How can I contribute to future planning for Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument?
- ✓ Questions?



# How does this relate to the Mississippi Civil Rights Sites Special Resource Study?

- The special resource study is a separate, ongoing effort.
  - Go to: [parkplanning.nps.gov/MSCR\\_SRS](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MSCR_SRS) for information about the Mississippi Civil Rights Sites study process
- While that study has been in development, the **Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument** has been designated by Congress as a national park unit



# National Park Service Planning Team



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# What is a National Monument?

- All units of the national park system, including national monuments, are places that are set aside for the preservation and public enjoyment of their resources and values.
- In 2019, Congress authorized the creation of the Medgar and Myrlie Evers National Monument in the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (P.L. 116-9).
- Tougaloo College donated the Evers home to the National Park Service. In December 2020, the property was established as the 423rd unit of the National Park System.
- In National Park Service parlance, all national park units are called “national parks.”



# Why was Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument created?

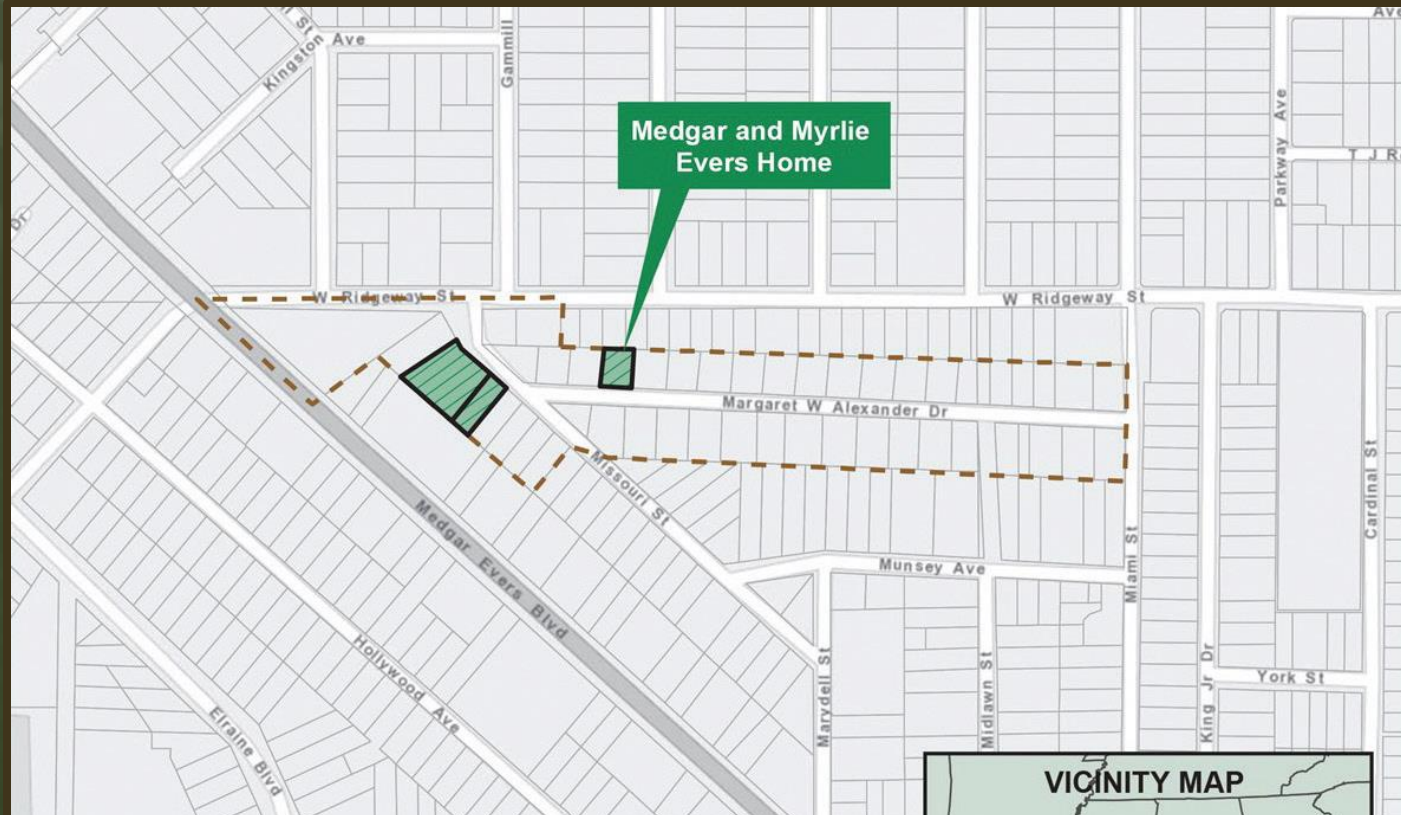
Medgar and Myrlie Evers were partners in the struggle for civil rights. On June 12, 1963, the assassination of Medgar Evers in the carport of their home at 2332 Margaret W. Alexander Drive in Jackson, Mississippi, became the first murder of a nationally significant leader of the national civil rights movement. It also became a catalyst for passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



**Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument** was created to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit of present and future generations resources associated with the pivotal roles of Medgar and Myrlie Evers in the American civil rights movement.



# What is the National Monument boundary?



## Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument



Monument Boundary (federal ownership)



Medgar Evers Historic District  
(not in federal ownership)





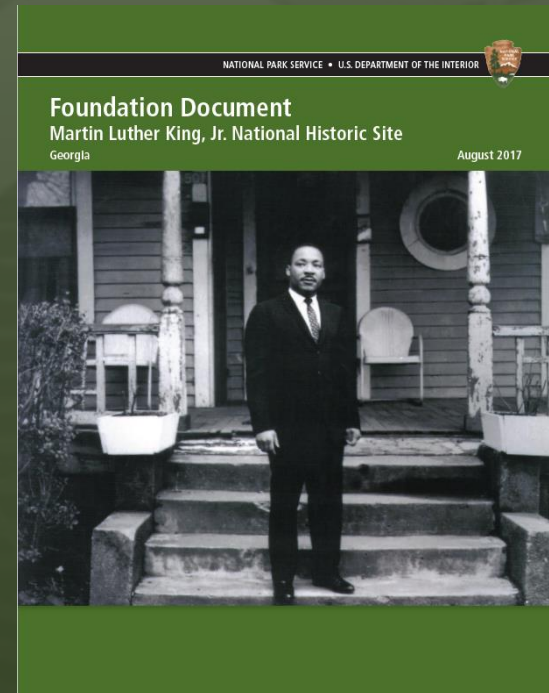
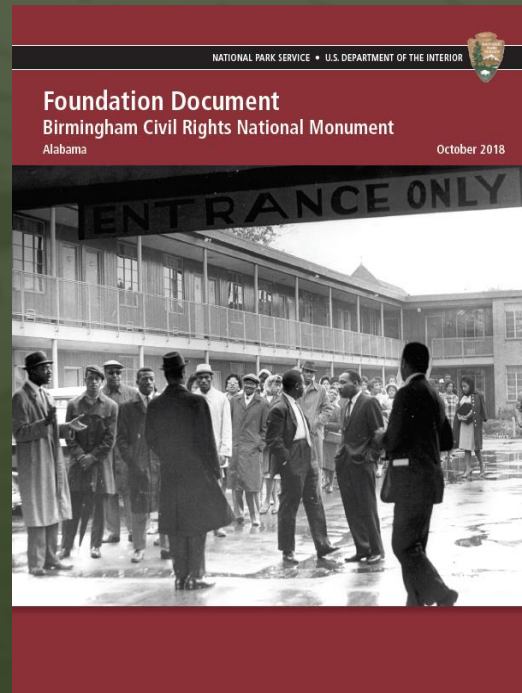
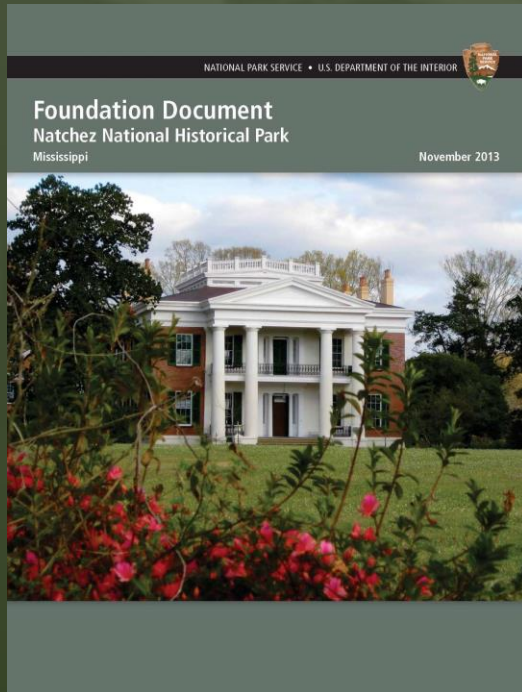
# Where are we now?

- Preparing the site for visitation
- Short-term operations
- Interpretation and education



# What's next?

- Meeting with neighbors and potential partners
- Planning
  - Foundation Document



# What is a Foundation Document?



## Foundation Documents

- Serve as the **underlying guidance** for management and planning decisions in a national park unit.
- Describe the **core mission** of the park.
- Communicate a **single, shared understanding** of the purpose and significance of the park, and the resources and values are fundamental to achieving its purpose and maintaining its significance.



# What a Foundation Document is Not

- It does not describe how to manage, but what to manage
- It is not a decision document that involves a range of alternatives
- Rather, it will be the underlying document that provides guidance for future management decisions



## Why are Foundations useful?

- **Starting Point** - Basis for consistency in park planning and decision making
- **Focus** - Efforts on protecting the park's fundamental resources and values
- **Strategic Planning** -
  - Identifies conditions, threats, issues, and opportunities facing a park's fundamental resources and values
  - Identifies and prioritizes future planning and data needs
- **Communicate** - A valuable communication tool



# Key Components

**Purpose** - Identifies why the park was designated

**Significance** - Identifies what is important about the park

**Fundamental Resources Values** - Fulfill the park's purpose & maintaining its significance

**Interpretive Themes** - Stories that connect visitors to the park's significance, resources & values



# We want to learn from you:

1. What is **most important** about Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument? What ideas or ideals does it represent? What should visitors **learn** when they visit?
2. What are the biggest **challenges** facing the National Park Service in setting up the park?
3. What are the biggest **opportunities** for the National Park Service in setting up the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument? What is your **vision** for the new park?



# We want to learn from you:

4. Do you have any **other ideas or information** you would like to share with the National Park Service about the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument?

If you have any **stories, old photos, or memories** about the site that you are willing to share, please let us know and provide us with your contact information.





# How to Comment

You can submit feedback in the following ways:

1. Submit your comments online at  
**<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MEMYFoundation>**  
Click on “Open for Comment” to answer the four questions.
2. Mail a comment card or letter to:  
Carrie Miller – MEMY Foundation  
Denver Service Center Planning Division  
National Park Service  
12795 West Alameda Parkway  
Denver, CO 80225-0287  
*Or call Carrie Miller at 720-454-5626*

The open comment period is through August 31, 2021.



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## Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument Foundation Document

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The National Park Service (NPS) is engaging in the inaugural planning effort for the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument following its establishment as a new unit of the national park system in December 2020.

Medgar and Myrlie Evers were partners in the struggle for civil rights. On June 12, 1963, the assassination of Medgar Evers in the carport of their home at 2332 Margaret W. Alexander Drive in Jackson, Mississippi, became the first murder of a nationally significant leader of the national civil rights movement, and it became a catalyst for passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Myrlie Evers has continued to promote issues of racial equality and social justice. The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument has been created to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit of present and future generations resources associated with the pivotal roles of Medgar and Myrlie Evers in the American civil rights movement.

An NPS planning team is beginning work on the first planning effort for this national treasure with the development of a foundation document. This planning effort will help further identify what is most important about the park and what is most needed moving into the future.



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## Documents Open For Comment

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The following Documents are currently open for comment.

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at 11:59 PM Mountain Time in  
36 Days, 14 Hours, 4 Min.

### Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument » Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument Foundation Document » Document List » Document Contents

## Newsletter for the Foundation Document

This newsletter describes the Foundation Document effort, the open comment period of July 1 - August 31, 2021, and describes ways the public can be involved, including four questions for public comment.



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# Project Timeline

- **July 1 – August 31: Gather public input - *We are here***
- Fall 2021: Develop content for the Foundation Document
- Spring 2022: Review and refine the document
- Summer 2022: Share the final Foundation Document

Visit the project website for updates:  
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Planning Tech Meeting

Chat Feature

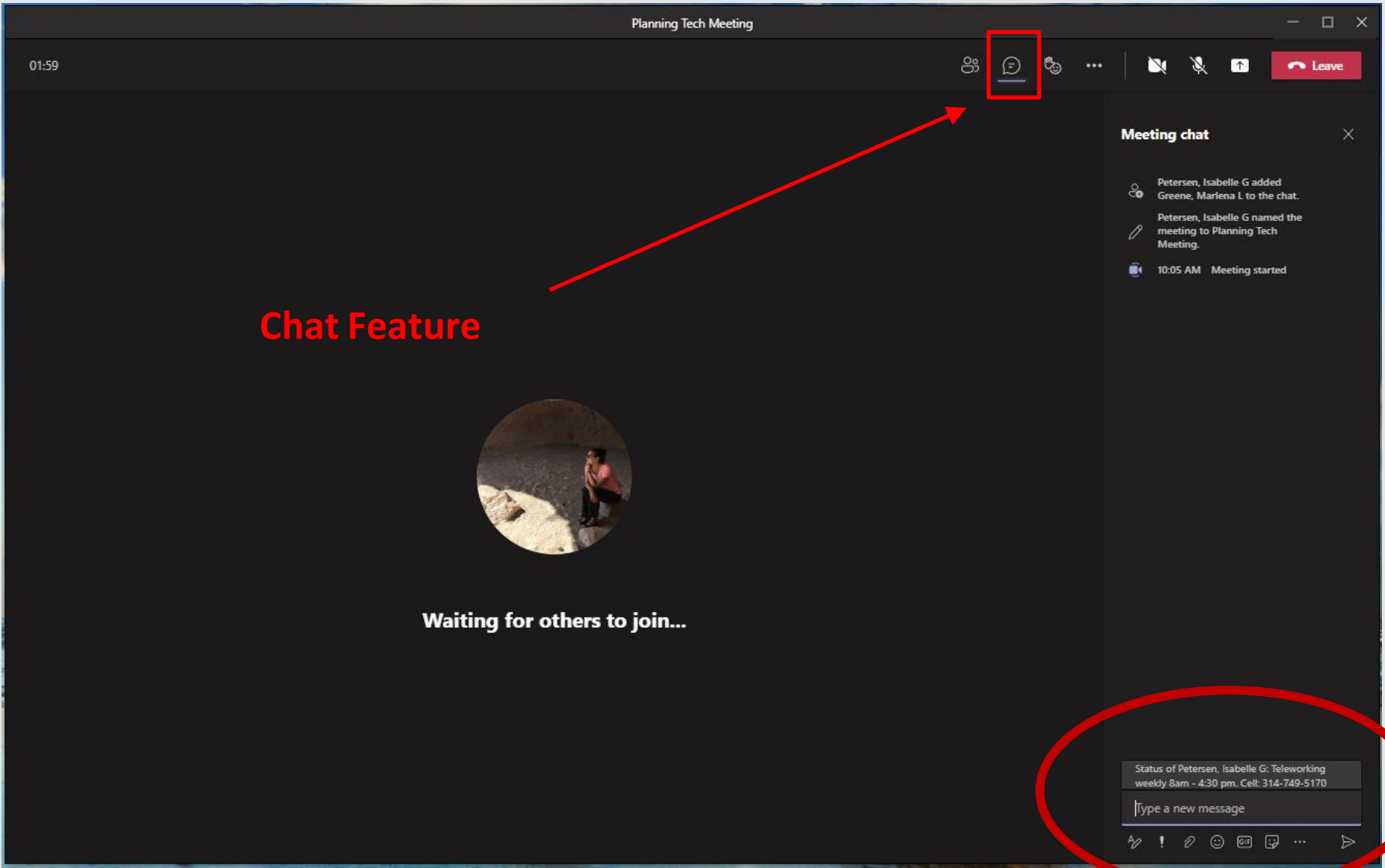
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Meeting chat

- Petersen, Isabelle G added Greene, Marlena L to the chat.
- Petersen, Isabelle G named the meeting to Planning Tech Meeting.
- 10:05 AM Meeting started

Status of Petersen, Isabelle G: Teleworking weekly 8am - 4:30 pm. Cell: 314-749-5170

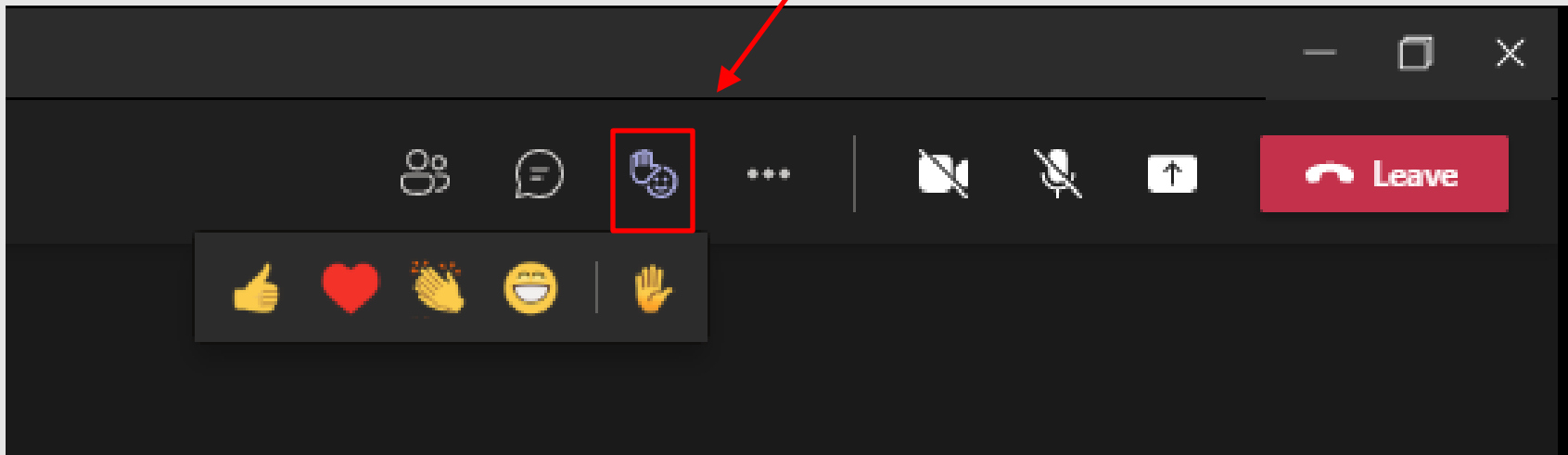
Type a new message

A screenshot of a virtual meeting application window titled "Planning Tech Meeting". The window has a dark theme. In the top-left corner, the time "01:59" is displayed. In the top-right corner, there are icons for participants, chat, and other meeting controls. The chat icon, which is a speech bubble with a checkmark, is highlighted with a red square. A red arrow points from the text "Chat Feature" to this icon. Below the main video area, there is a circular placeholder for a video feed showing a person sitting on a rock. Below this, the text "Waiting for others to join..." is displayed. On the right side of the window, there is a "Meeting chat" panel. It contains a list of chat messages: "Petersen, Isabelle G added Greene, Marlena L to the chat.", "Petersen, Isabelle G named the meeting to Planning Tech Meeting.", and "10:05 AM Meeting started". At the bottom of the chat panel, there is a status bar for "Petersen, Isabelle G" showing "Teleworking weekly 8am - 4:30 pm. Cell: 314-749-5170". Below this, there is a text input field with the placeholder "Type a new message" and a row of icons for emojis, GIFs, and other chat features. A red circle highlights the entire chat panel area.

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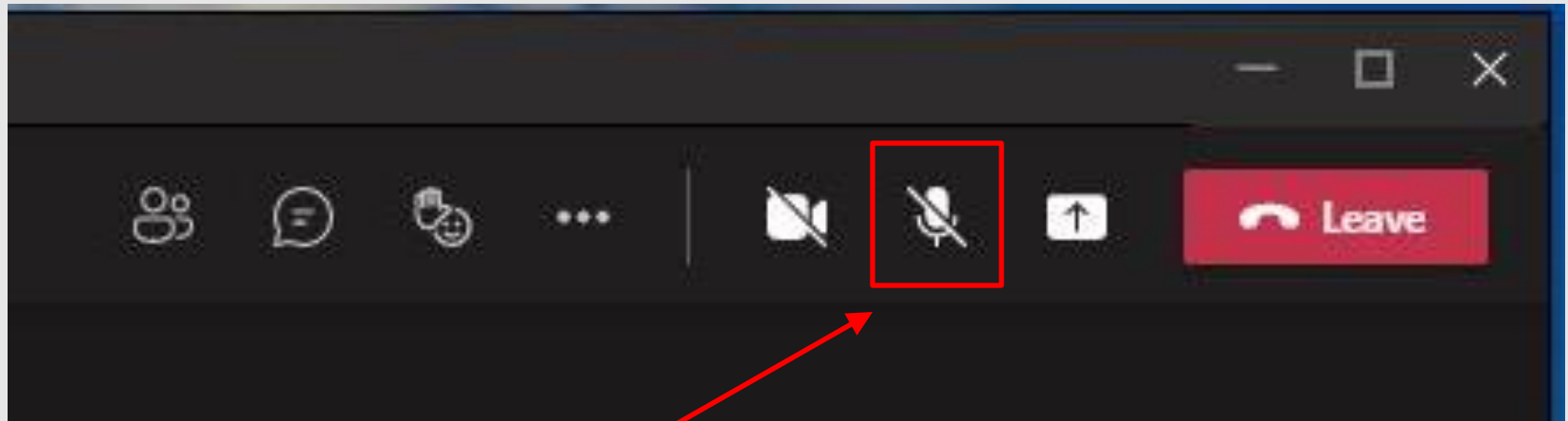
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Raise hand and other options



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*Thank you for your interest in the  
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