



## Public Engagement E-Monthly

### Special Edition

Monthly public engagement news, resources and events for local elected officials and staff in California.



ILG offers a variety of resources and case stories agencies can use to support public engagement strategies to address difficult issues and situations.



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## Welcome Back and Congratulations Terry!

The Institute for Local Government is thrilled to announce that Terry Amsler will be rejoining the team on a part-time, telecommuting basis.



Terry Amsler was hired as the first director of the Institute for Local Government's Public Engagement Program in 2005. He returns to work after healing from injuries suffered when he and his fiancé, Lisa Blomgren Bingham, were struck by a bus when crossing a London street in early February of this year.

More great news: Terry and Lisa got married this past weekend! Lisa is a professor with the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University in Bloomington. Terry is relocating to Indiana (hence the "telecommuting basis" part of his return). All of us at ILG are so happy for Terry and Lisa.

As of October 2nd, Terry will be reachable at his Institute email: [tamsler@ca-ilg.org](mailto:tamsler@ca-ilg.org).

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## Public Engagement Position Available at ILG

The Institute for Local Government is seeking an energetic, public engagement program manager to help lead its public engagement efforts.

The Institute's Public Engagement team of Mahvash Hassan, Christal Love Lazard, Karalee Browne, Jessica Aviña-Tong and Susan Stuart Clark have done a marvelous job of carrying on the good work of the Public Engagement Program during Terry's recuperation.

However, even with Terry's return on a part-time basis, there is much more work to be done to provide information and resources to help local officials and their communities make good decisions about the design, delivery and assessment of their public engagement processes, as well as to contribute to other aspects of the Institute's work in promoting trust and confidence in California local officials. Please help us spread the word to your networks about this terrific opportunity to join ILG's Sacramento office team.

[Click here to download the job description](#)

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## A New Strategy for Sustaining Public Engagement?

Over the past year, a Working Group on Legal Frameworks for Public Participation has produced a model local ordinance for public participation as a tool for local agencies to use in committing to inclusive and authentic public participation in local agency decision-making processes.

The ordinance is the subject of a session at the International Municipal Lawyers Association session yesterday in San Francisco and will soon be published by the National Civic League as part of a larger package of articles and essays.

 [Public Participation Ordinance](#)

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WEBINAR

## How Local Governments Can Support Citizenship for Eligible Lawful Permanent Residents in California

Thursday, October 17th at 10:30 am

OCTOBER 17, 2013 - 10:30AM - 11:30AM

ILG offered a free webinar to help local officials build stronger and more cohesive communities by encouraging lawful permanent residents to become citizens. Watch the webinar recording on the right to learn how citizenship can strengthen the ties immigrants have to their communities.

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[PowerPoint: Santa Clara County Citizenship Collaborative and Immigrant Integration](#)



[PowerPoint: Naturalization, Hurdles and NAC](#)

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