Public Engagement E-Monthly

Monthly public engagement news, resources and events for local elected officials and staff in California from the Institute for Local Government.

New Resource on Public Engagement in Budgeting

Budgeting is one of the most important decisions local agencies make. This new guide will help you understand the options and choose the right approaches and tools when engaging the public in the allocation of scarce taxpayer dollars.

Additional Budgeting Resources Available

ILG offers a variety of resources and case stories on how to engage the public in budgeting and finance-related issues, including our popular Public Engagement in Budgeting guidebook. Check the Engaging the Public in Budgeting section of our website for more information.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CASE STORY

New Policy Guides City of Oakland’s Budget Process

The City of Oakland has demonstrated its commitment to institutionalizing public engagement by adopting a resolution that establishes clear rules for enhancing public participation and transparency in its budgeting process. The policy seeks to improve local
government’s effectiveness by enlisting the problem-solving capacities of the general public and organizations outside local government.

Help Us Help You!

In an effort to better understand your needs, the Institute for Local Government is asking for your feedback on several of our resources. We understand that your time is extremely valuable, so we have designed a quick survey that will take only a few minutes to complete. Click here to complete the survey.