



Public Engagement E-Monthly

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.



The Results Are In! New Research Reveals Views on Public Engagement in Local Decision Making

Are you frustrated about who shows up at public meetings – or, more importantly, who doesn't? You're not alone. A new survey of over 1400 public officials and local community leaders in California reveals both groups feel that public comment agendas are dominated by narrow interests and negative remarks.

Visit ILG's Meeting Resource Center

New research indicates that public meetings often do not meet the needs of residents or local officials, and that large segments of the public are often missing from these venues—especially low-income populations, ethnic minorities and young people. Find out how to make recurring public meetings a more welcoming, accessible and effective venue to hear from a broader cross-section of your communities.

Fresno's Planning Process Builds Trust

More than two-thirds of the civic leaders surveyed in the new Public Agenda Research say that the public has become angrier and more distrustful of local officials in recent years. But there is hope. The City of Fresno has recently discovered that planning activities can build relationships and trust that in turn provide a foundation for future efforts around local issues and concerns.

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