2015 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVALUATION FINDINGS **Electronic Survey Results**



Survey Reach



Top 10 Areas to Apply Public Engagement



Findings



81% have seen at least
one public decision
with a cross-section of
local community input;
12% said they never have.



69% are concerned that local governments do not have sufficient staff, knowledge or financial resources for public engagement and that residents are not adequately informed.

83% worry that it is always the same people who participate and they tend to be extremists.



83% of respondents who took part in Public Engagement Program learning opportunities reported an increase in public engagement knowledge and/or capacity.

Populations not typically involved in local public meetings (top responses):

- - Renters
 - Low-income individuals
- Immigrants
- Latinos/Hispanics

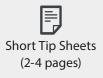
Public Engagement Challenges in Local Policy Decisions

Always same people who participate
Lack of staff and/or financial resources
Those who participate are political extreme compared to community
Residents aren't adequately informed about issues
Lack of time
Lack of procedures for assessing and learning from PE experiences
Lack of knowledge on best practices

Most preferred way to receive information:



Online Resources





Workshops & Trainings



In-Person Technical Assistance

See www.ca-ilg.org/PE2015Evaluation to find out more.