
Your City. Your Ideas. Your Vote.

Participatory Budgeting Vallejo

OFFICIAL BALLOT



2013

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- All residents of Vallejo ages 16 and older may vote.
- You may vote for up to six (6) projects.
- You cannot vote for the same project more than once.
- Ballots marked with more than six votes are invalid and will not be counted.
- Mark boxes clearly with an "X," a check mark, or fully shade them in.
- Use black or blue ink. Ballots marked in pencil will not be counted.

STREETS & TRANSPORTATION

COST

<input type="checkbox"/>	A1. Potholes and Street Repair This project supplements the Public Works budget for street repair/maintenance. Vote for a smooth ride and improve Vallejo's image!	\$550,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	A2. Traffic Calming Measures (Bike Lanes included) More traffic calming measures, including additional bike lanes, will create a safer city for pedestrians, drivers and bike riders.	\$415,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	A3. Street Cleaning & City Cleanup This project would contract with California Conservation Corps to hire local youth for neighborhood cleanups.	\$120,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	A4. Mare Island Way Welcome Arch A downtown entry arch will establish Vallejo as a great destination rich in culture, arts, history, poised for a bright future. <i>Mare Island Way & Georgia Street</i>	\$130,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	A5. Public Sidewalks Around Hillcrest Area Replacing these sidewalks will bring them up to standard code, safe for public use and usable for all disabled people. <i>Vallejo Heights Hillcrest Subdivision</i>	\$870,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

<input type="checkbox"/>	B1. Small Business Grants for Mare Island and Downtown Multiple \$5-30K grants are proposed to help with start-up costs or improvements for businesses on Mare Island or Downtown Vallejo. <i>Downtown & Mare Island</i>	\$300,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	B2. College Bound Vallejo 2 College Counselors & 30 4-year scholarships. Goal: serve all Vallejo students; double number of Vallejo students going to college. <i>Vallejo High Schools</i>	\$320,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	B3. The Vallejo Flea Market The Solano AIDS Coalition will plan and operate a weekly flea market in downtown Vallejo. The market will operate on Saturdays and is open to all. <i>301 Georgia Street</i>	\$25,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	B4. Community Discovery Project to Brand Vallejo A communitywide program to discover & brand the good things you say about Vallejo, which will create a better image for our home!	\$230,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	B5. Small Business Planning Training in Spanish Solano College Small Business Development Center will deliver two 12-week classes for 20 micro entrepreneurs, in Spanish. <i>Solano Community College</i>	\$33,000

COMMUNITY & CULTURE

<input type="checkbox"/>	C1. Vallejo Blues & Heritage Festival To bring back what was once a successful Blues Festival, which honored the great music history of the City of Vallejo. <i>Waterfront</i>	\$92,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	C2. Florence Douglas & Conversations Senior Centers FDSC - Emergency lighting, flooring and energy efficient windows. CSL - Seniors socialize, listen/play live music, games and dance. <i>FDSC, 333 Amador Street; Conversations Senior Lounge, 312 Georgia Street</i>	\$109,150
<input type="checkbox"/>	C3. Bring Back the Vallejo Pow-Wow Funding for Vallejo Intertribal Council's Native American Pow-Wow gathering. <i>Waterfront</i>	\$20,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	C4. Public Art Project to Honor Vallejo's Music Legends Artwork will honor "Music Legends of Vallejo" and will be placed in public venues to promote a positive image of Vallejo. <i>Vallejo City Hall, Libraries, Public Health Department, Courts</i>	\$50,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	C5. Volunteer and Community Resource Coordinator New staff position at the City to research & maintain info on volunteer opportunities and needs, and other community activities. <i>Vallejo City Hall</i>	\$75,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	C6. The Spay Neuter Project Remodel former Glen Cove Veterinary Office to Vallejo's 1st high volume, high quality, low and no cost Spay and Neuter Clinic. <i>1235 Warren Avenue</i>	\$165,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	C7. Community Center Space at Mira Theater - New Roof Replace roof to preserve historic community center and theater with approximately 15,000 sq ft of mixed-use facilities. <i>Bay Terrace Theater, 51 Daniels Avenue</i>	\$80,000

PUBLIC SAFETY

COST

<input type="checkbox"/>	D1. Light Up Vallejo! A Lighting Improvement Project In an effort to improve public safety, 40 new street light poles and decorative tree lights will be installed across Vallejo. <i>Public and Residential Areas</i>	\$170,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	D2. 150 Camera Pilot with Intelligent Archives One year Pilot evaluates use of intelligent archives to watch cameras & license plates, by detectives, prosecutors, and police. <i>Waterfront, Downtown and High Crime areas, as prioritized by VPD.</i>	\$450,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	D3. Make our Streets Safer with a Driving Simulator To reduce the number of police-involved collisions, a driving simulator for the VPD will enhance their emergency driving skills. <i>Vallejo Police Department</i>	\$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	D4. New Armored Rescue and Communications Vehicles Purchase an armored rescue vehicle and a tactical communications vehicle to improve emergency response and combat violent crime.	\$270,000

PARKS & RECREATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	E1. Outdoor Fitness Equipment at Waterfront Family-friendly, free fitness equipment to help complete your full cardio workout at the Waterfront.	\$50,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	E2. GVRD Tennis Facilities Improvement Resurface all GVRD supported courts, fix lights/fencing/hitting walls. PB funding combines with matching \$225K. <i>Amador, Castlewood, Glen Cove, Setterquist Parks</i>	\$130,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	E3. Mare Island Heritage Preserve and Historic Park Your vote will ensure needed safety upgrades, repairs and beautification improvements to both city-owned, nonprofit-run parks. <i>800 & 822 Walnut Avenue; 1100 & 1595 Railroad Avenue, Mare Island</i>	\$280,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	E4. Parks and Recreation Improvements Facilities at Vallejo's parks & recreation sites need repair and upgrades. This project includes improvements at 13 sites. <i>Beverly Hills Park, Blue Rock Springs, Borges Park, Crest Ranch Park, Delta Meadows Park, Grant Mahoney Park, Hanns Memorial Park, N. Vallejo Park, Richardson Park, Terrace Park, Washington Park, Bocce Courts, PAL Soccer Fields</i>	\$621,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	E5. Community Gardens and Nutrition Education Develop ten gardens across Vallejo to serve as safe spaces to grow food, beautify neighborhoods, educate kids, and decrease crime. <i>Jesse Bethel High, Loma Vista Farm, Omega Boys & Girls Club, Cave Language Academy, Cal Maritime, Global Center for Success, Reynaissance Family Center, Mira Theater Guild, Kyle's Temple, St. Vinnie's Community Garden</i>	\$146,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	E6. After School Program Facilities & Mobile Rec Unit Repairs to Hogan Middle School facilities and purchase of a mobile recreation unit to provide new GVRD programming in locations citywide. <i>After School Program Facilities: Hogan Middle School, Castlewood Park & Cunningham Pool; Mobile Rec Unit: Parks, Schools, & Community Centers</i>	\$170,000

EDUCATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	F1. Vallejo Museum: Community Outreach & Education The project will educate Vallejoans about Vallejo's history with pop-up banner exhibits, displays in the community, & oral history. <i>734 Marin Street</i>	\$29,450
<input type="checkbox"/>	F2. VallejoPROUD VallejoPROUD produces 12 free lectures on Vallejo at the Empress Theatre. Recordings will be distributed via VCAT and on DVD. <i>Empress Theatre, VCAT, Vallejo Architectural Heritage Foundation</i>	\$136,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	F3. Vallejo School Marching Band Programs This project proposes to enhance the band programs at our schools through the purchase of instruments and materials. <i>Hogan, Solano & Franklin Middle Schools; Vallejo, Jesse Bethel High Schools</i>	\$200,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	F4. Mira Theatre Guild Summer Arts Education Program 12-week summer program for kids ages 8-17 focusing on the arts. The program (M-F, 7am-6pm) promises a learning environment. <i>Bay Terrace Theater, 51 Daniels Avenue</i>	\$80,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	F5. Support School Libraries & STEAM Program Funding for school libraries & equipment for Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts & Math (S.T.E.A.M.) program at middle schools. <i>Vallejo, Jesse Bethel HS Libraries; Hogan, Solano & Franklin Middle Schools; Loma Vista & Highland Elementary Schools</i>	\$270,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	F6. Omega Boys & Girls Club Gym Renovation The gym needs repairs to the floor, upgrade to stage with lighting & sound, a drop down screen, projector, and stage drapes. <i>1 Positive Place</i>	\$60,000

More Information on Participatory Budgeting in the City of Vallejo, CA



What is Participatory Budgeting?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process that was first developed in Brazil in 1989, and is now practiced in over 1,500 cities around the world. In these cities, PB lets community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget. Though each PB initiative looks different, the process generally involves several months of public meetings, discussions, and voting, so that the public has time to make wise decisions.

How does Participatory Budgeting work in Vallejo?

In 2012, the Vallejo City Council established the first citywide Participatory Budgeting process in the United States. Through PB, the community is invited to help decide how to spend a minimum of 30% of the revenue generated by the Measure B sales tax - approximately \$3.2 million, collected over a 15 month period from April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Last fall, residents like you came to assemblies to identify community needs and suggest projects. Then, volunteers joined delegate committees to develop those suggestions into project proposals, and worked with city departments to estimate project costs. They put together the proposals you will vote on today.

Now is your chance to vote for the projects you think should get funded. The projects with the most votes, will be submitted to City Council for consideration and will be appropriated into the city's budget in Fiscal Year 2013-14.

You'll get to enjoy the improvements you help make happen.

Credits

Special thanks to the Vallejo City Council, PB Vallejo Steering Committee, The Participatory Budgeting Project, the Budget Delegates, and all the volunteers and participants!

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