

# 2015 Public Engagement Evaluation Findings

## What We Did

Through the generous support of The James Irvine Foundation and in collaboration with consultants Deb Marois, Converge CRT and Adele James, Adele James Consulting, the Institute for Local Government (ILG) Public Engagement Program conducted a major Evaluation, Reflection and Planning project in 2015.

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### RESOURCE INVENTORY

*From Program inception in 2005 through 2015*



## What We Learned

### KEY FINDINGS

- ILG and the Public Engagement Program are far reaching in terms of diversity of resources, issues addressed, geography covered and jurisdictions represented.
- ILG and its Public Engagement Program have both major strengths and important challenges.
- The public engagement field is still developing.
- While local governments in California have made strides toward more inclusive public engagement in decision-making, they continue to report significant challenges.
- ILG is uniquely positioned to expand training and technical assistance to local governments in California.
- The Public Engagement Program's logic model represents a sound theoretical basis for its program activities, which are achieving the intended outcomes.

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