

REAL MONEY
REAL POWER

Participatory Budgeting

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BUDGETING PROJECT

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HISTORY

Founded in 2009, incorporated as nonprofit in 2011

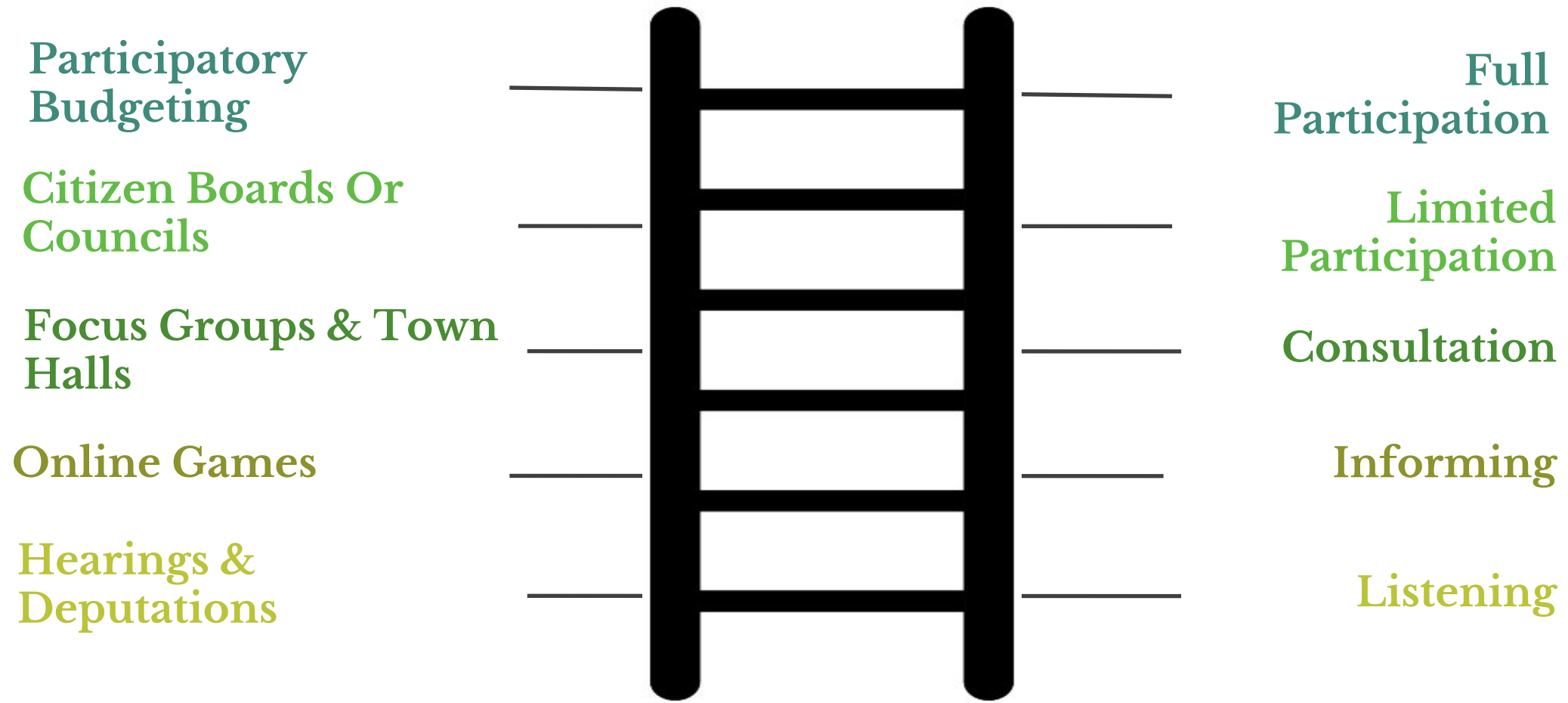
MISSION

To empower people to decide together how to spend public money.

WHERE WE WORK

Across the US and Canada, with staff in New York City, Oakland, Chicago, Greensboro, and Madison.

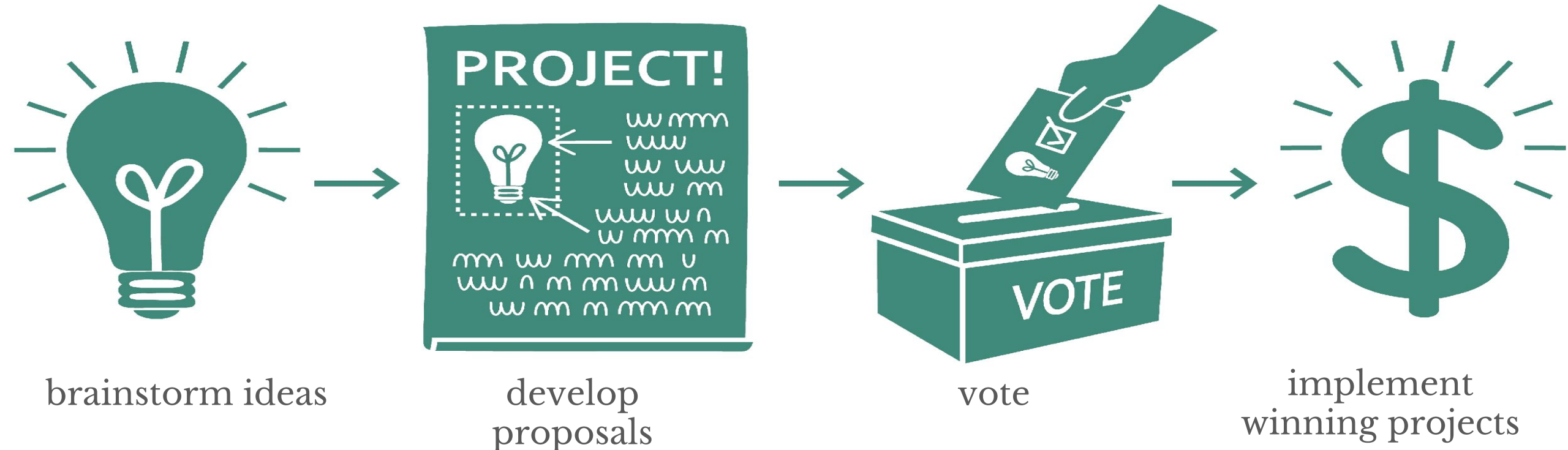
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WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING?

A democratic process in which **community members directly decide** how to spend part of a public budget.

HOW DOES PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING WORK?



brainstorm ideas

develop proposals

vote

implement winning projects



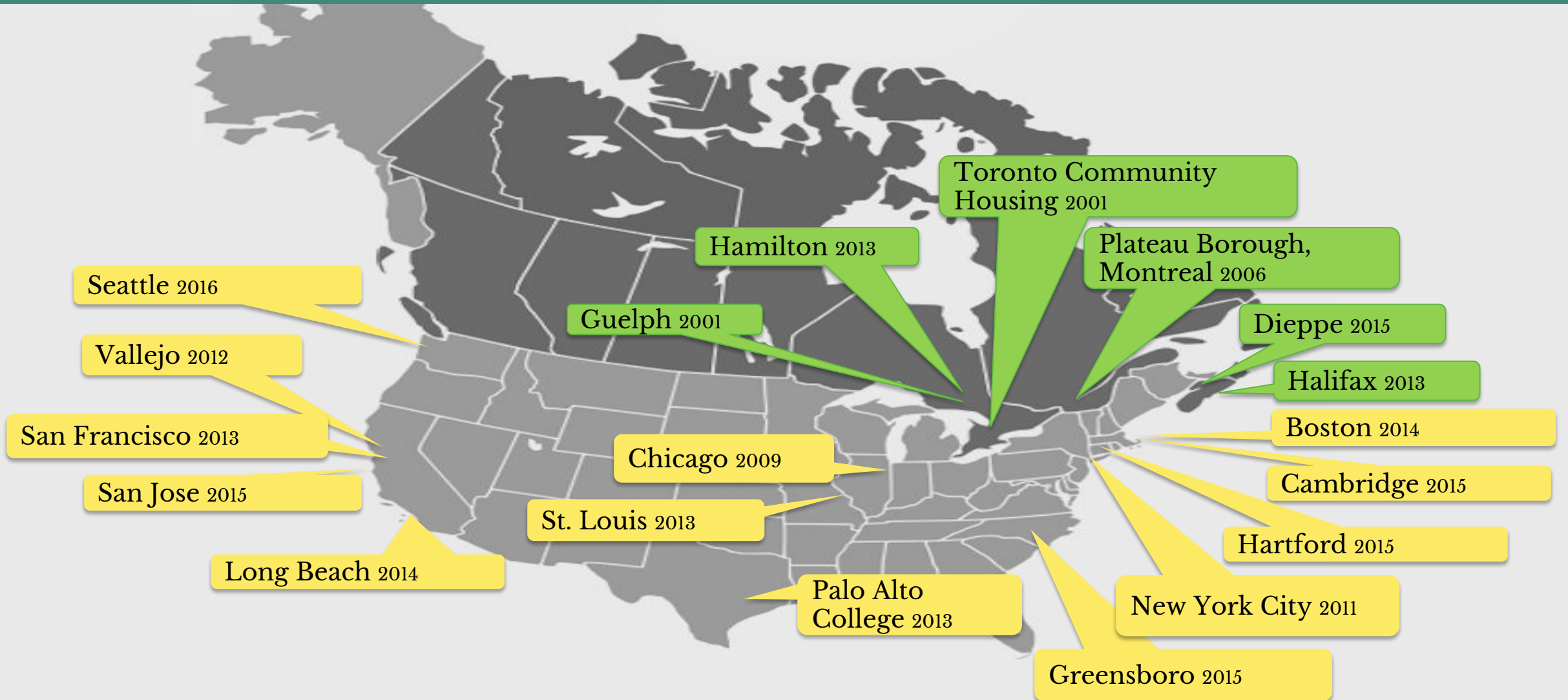
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ENSURING EQUITY AND INCLUSION

- ✓ Money that matters
- ✓ Grassroots leadership
- ✓ Inclusive design
- ✓ Targeted outreach
- ✓ Equity criteria



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN NORTH AMERICA

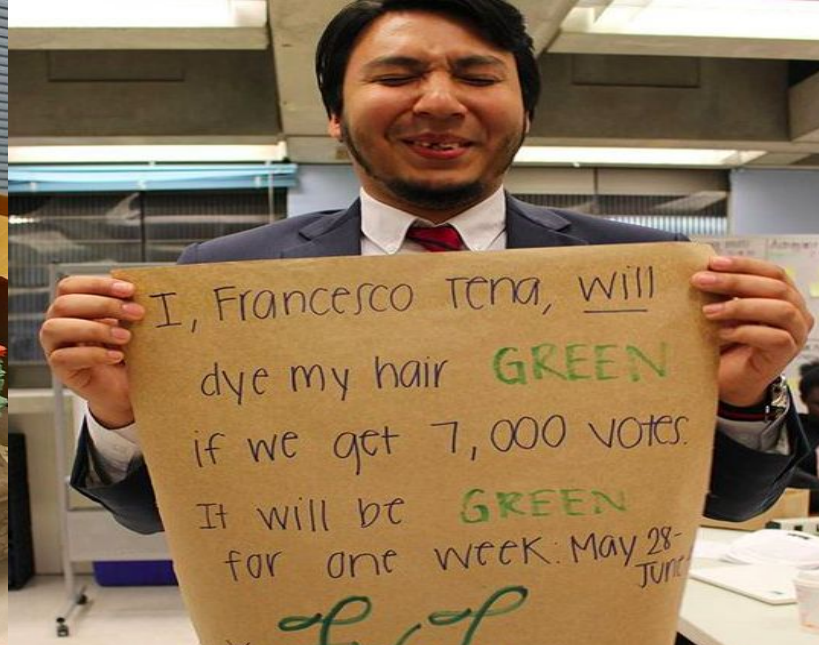




IDEA COLLECTION



PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT



VOTE AT YOUTH.BOSTON.GOV

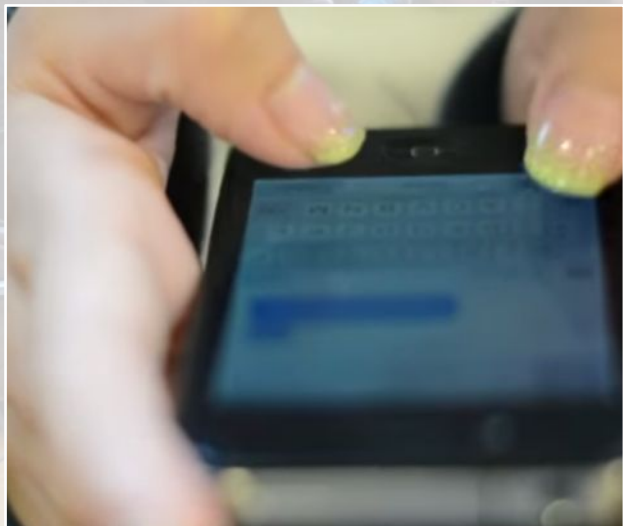
**YOUNG PEOPLE
ARE DECIDING HOW TO SPEND**

**ONE
MILLION
DOLLARS**
OF THE CITY'S BUDGET



VOTE

LESSONS LEARNED



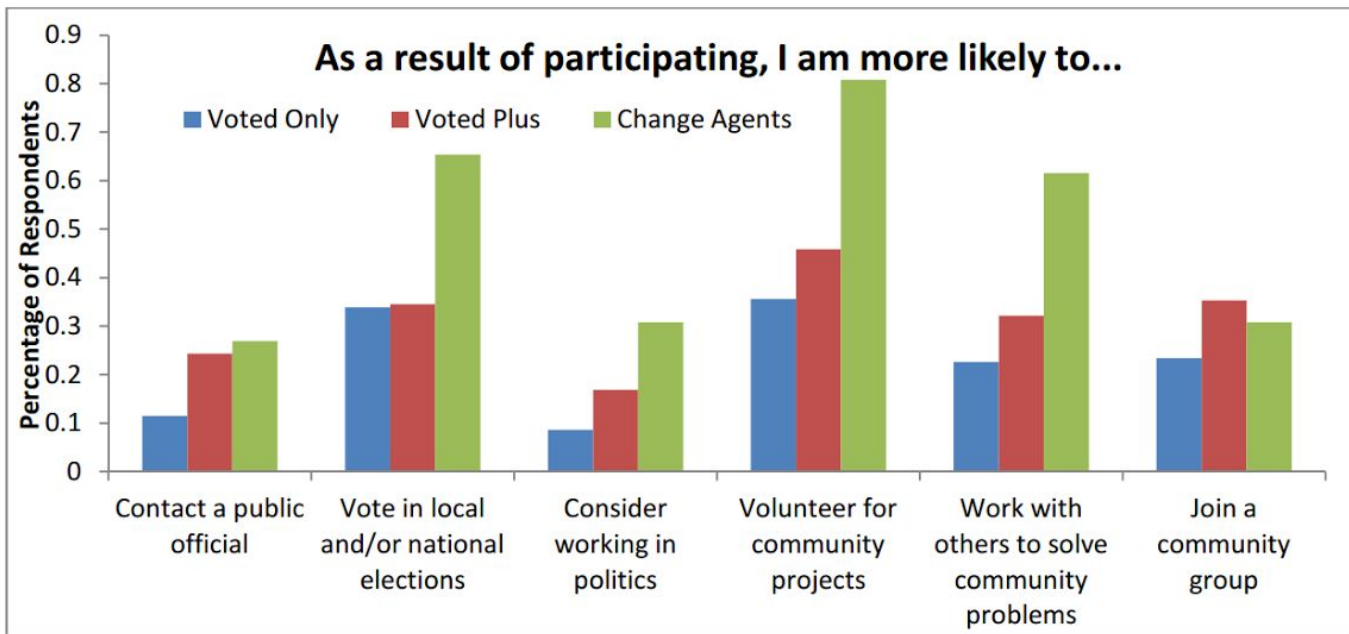
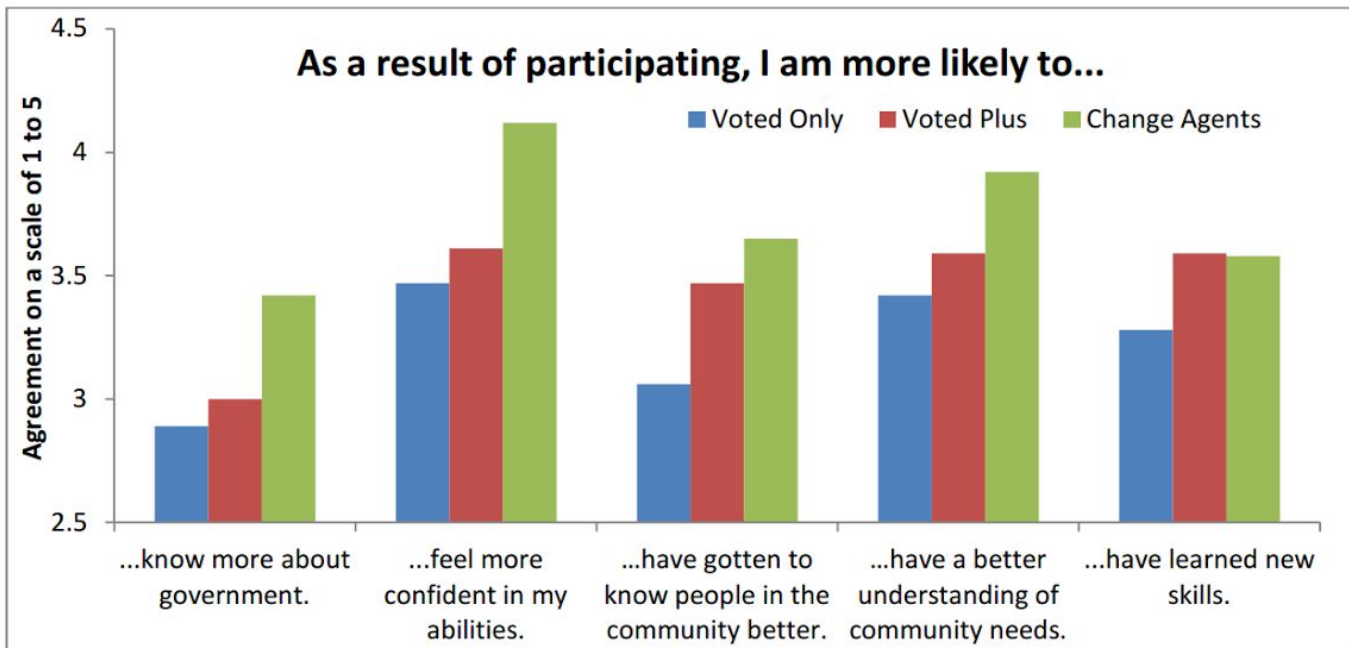
Harness More Technology



Increase Timeline for Engagement



Engage Marginalized Youth



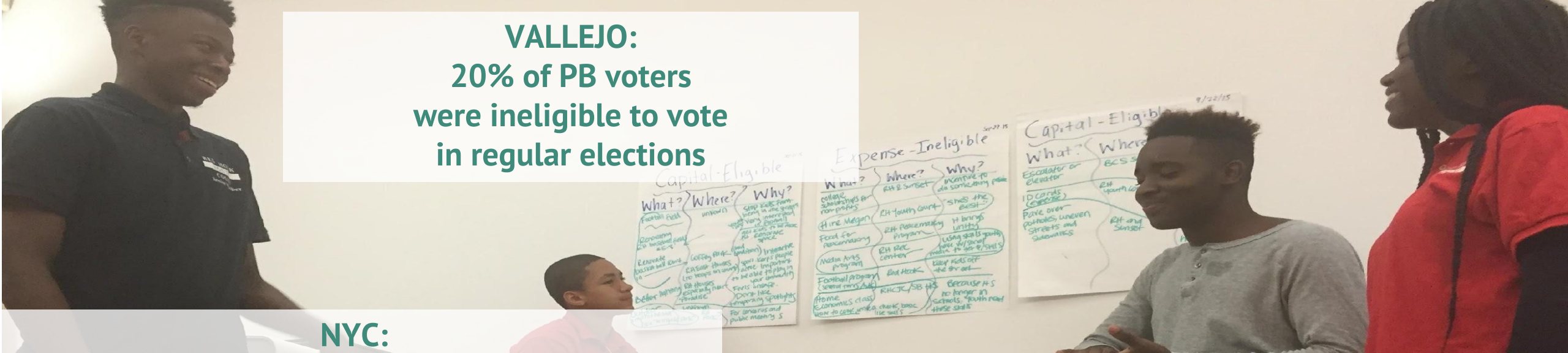
A diverse group of people, including men, women, and children of various ethnicities, are seated in a room. Many of them have their hands raised, suggesting an interactive session or a meeting where they are participating. The room has a blue wall and a whiteboard in the background. The overall atmosphere is one of active engagement and participation.

WHY IT MATTERS



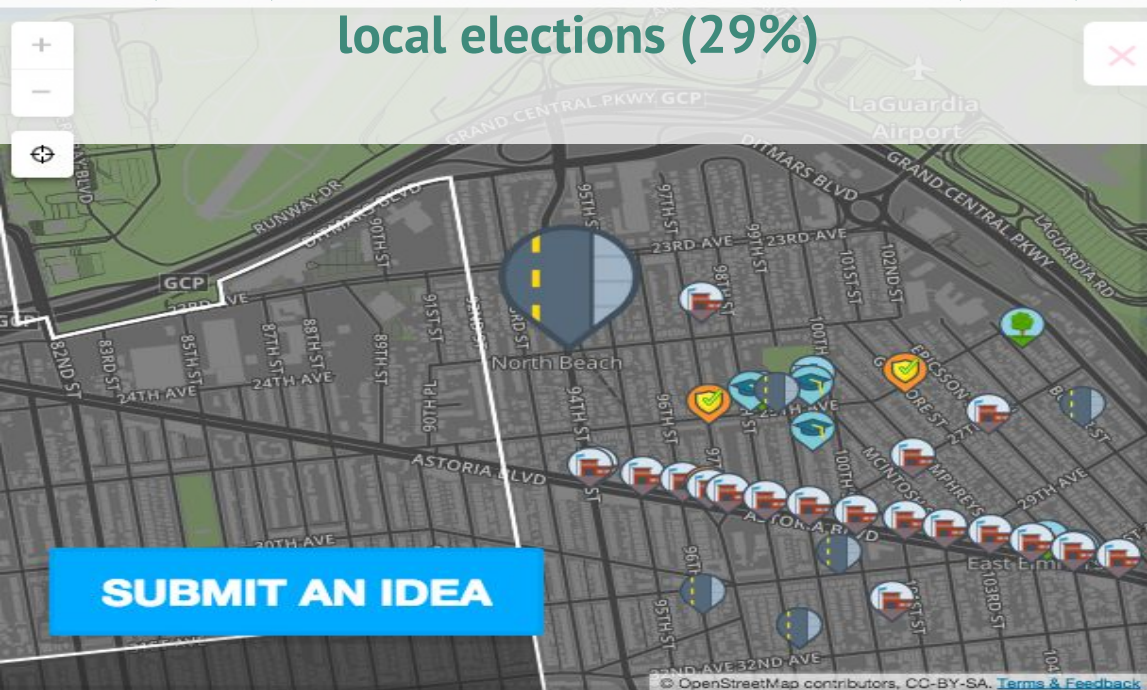
**REAL
POWER**

VALLEJO:
20% of PB voters
were ineligible to vote
in regular elections



NYC:

Higher percentage of low-income residents voted
in PB (40%) compared to full population (34%) &
local elections (29%)



Bus shelter

0 SUPPORT THIS!

Community Resident
suggested this Streets &
Sidewalks idea in District 21.
Near 24-05 94th Street, Queens, NY



My project idea is: Bus shelter
So that people could: Be protected from reckless drivers
and other hazards that be coming their way via the moving
traffic.

0 comments

LEAVE A COMMENT

COMMENT

- Culture and Community Facilities
- Schools and Education
- Environment
- Housing
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Health
- Public Safety
- Seniors
- Streets and Sidewalks
- Transit and Transportation
- Youth
- Previously funded

Community Resident suggested an
Schools & Education idea in District
34 named PS31 Computers: Replace
over 15 year old broken computers
with new computers

bongo suggested a Transit &
Transportation idea in District 11



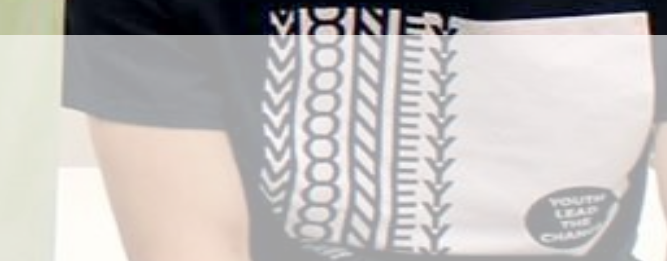
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Boston Centers
for Youth &
Families
Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

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STRONGER
COMMUNITIES





Participants report increased skills in public speaking, negotiating, building agreements, and contacting officials.



**MORE EFFECTIVE & FAIR
GOVERNMENT**

PB: FEDERAL SUPPORT & LOCAL OPPORTUNITY

- White House's *National Action Plan for Open Government*, December 2013
- White House PB Convenings, May 2014 & February 2016
- New PB resources on HUD Exchange
- Oakland PB pilot 2016-17



New Release: PB in Schools Guide

A Guide to Participatory Budgeting in Schools



- ✓ 18 lesson plans
- ✓ 6 worksheets
- ✓ Tips for meeting with principals and school board members to make the case for PB



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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION