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MEMBER NEEDED FOR THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING STEERING COMMITTEE

The City of Vallejo is now accepting applications to fill one vacancy on the Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee (PBSC). PB is an innovative, democratic process that gives community residents the opportunity to help decide how to spend a portion of the Vallejo's Measure B sales tax revenue. Vallejo recently concluded its first year of PB, in which over 4,000 Vallejoans participated in the process of brainstorming, developing and voting on projects. More information about PB Vallejo is available online.

The goal of this process is to engage Vallejo residents to improve the community and build stronger relationships - between the community, government and stakeholders. The City Council has allocated approximately \$2.4 million for projects approved in the second cycle.

On August 27, the City Council approved the <u>Rulebook</u> for the second cycle. In order to build on the successes of the first cycle, the City Council changed the composition to allow for a minimum of 14 local civic organizations and a maximum of 7 at-large, for a total of 21 members. The purpose of the PBSC is to oversee the PB process, including designing the rules, planning public meetings and events, and conducting outreach and education with diverse constituencies. It is the Steering Committee's job to ensure that PB Vallejo is transparent, fair, and inclusive. The Roles & Responsibilities of the Steering Committee are included in the <u>Rulebook</u>.

On October 8, the City Council made appointments to fill five vacancies on the PBSC. However, one vacancy has now become available. The City of Vallejo believes it is important to maintain diversity on the PBSC. It is anticipated that the City Council will make the appointment on January 14, 2014. Please submit completed applications by December 31 at 5:00 p.m. If you are not able to apply online, contact <u>Joanna Altman</u>.

Please note there are separate applications for organizations and at-large candidates.