

CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Southeast Los Angeles

Session 4

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Summary



CALIFORNIA
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION









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Session 4: GOALS & OBJECTIVES



GOAL

Prepare for an active phase of the Southeast Los Angeles Civic Leaders Network.





OBJECTIVE 1

Affirm the five priorities
from SELA CLN.



OBJECTIVE 2

Know the purpose and structure of a civic forum.

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OBJECTIVE 3

Have a civic forum with elected officials who represent Southeast Los Angeles.

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OBJECTIVE 4

Develop an action plan for the civic forum with mayors from Southeast Los Angeles.



CIVIC FORUM EXPLANATION & PRACTICE

CIVIC FORUM—INTRODUCTION

Third Level

Civic Leadership/ Participation

- Civic Forums
- Organize community networks

Second Level

Community Leadership

- Community Interviews

First Level

Community Involvement



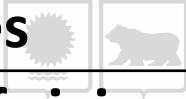


- Participate in informal groups

COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS

- A Method—
Community Leaders
- Direct Relationships
- Community Needs and
Priorities
- Creation of Networks



PRIORITIZED AREAS

PROBLEMS	VOTES	PEOPLE
Lack of high quality education 	43	 84
Lack of safety (crime, graffiti, gangs, etc.)	35	91
Lack of affordable housing for low income families 	25	90
Lack of civic participation 	23	 44
Lack of programs and information to prevent drug use by youth (lack of recreational centers for children and youth)	20	88

CIVIC FORUM - EXPLANATION

- A Method
- Meet with a small or large group
- Issues that affect a community.



Civic Forums...

- Specifically address political issues
- May include elected officials from local, state or federal government.



Civic Forums...

➤ Key for civic leaders:

- a. Establish and maintain constant and direct relationships between elected officials and civic network;
- b. Create a dialogue where information and priorities can be transmitted; and this way
- c. Advance the community interests that you all represent.



TWO OBJECTIVES

➤ Educate:

- Know more about a law, policy or regulation;
- Understand the priorities of an elected official or advocacy (interest) groups ;
- For elected officials to learn about your priorities.

Example: Measure H & F in the City of El Monte, CA.



CIVIC FORUM OBJECTIVES

➤ Advocate:

- Communicate your priorities to elected officials; or
- Hold elected officials accountable



CONGRATULATIONS!!

