

What is Participatory Budgeting in Vallejo?

In November 2011, Vallejo voters narrowly passed Measure B, a one percent sales tax, to restore and enhance services. On April 17, 2012, the City Council established the first city-wide Participatory Budgeting (PB) process in the United States. PB enables taxpayers to work with government to help make budget decisions, while exposing taxpayers to a unique and innovative method of managing public budgets. Through PB the City aims to more closely engage residents in their government. Each year the City Council provides a portion of the Measure B Revenues to be allocated through PB.

The PB Steering Committee outlined four goals for Vallejo's PB process: 1) improve the City of Vallejo, 2) engage the community, 3) transform democracy, and 4) open up government.

There are four major steps in the PB process:

1. **Budget Assemblies** - Community meetings are held in locations throughout the City where residents generate public project ideas. The in-person assemblies are complemented by a website where residents can submit project ideas online.
2. **Budget Delegates** - Residents volunteer to serve as budget delegates on a committee tasked with screening project ideas for eligibility, prioritizing ideas based on public benefit and need, and developing those ideas into detailed proposals for a public vote.
3. **Voting & Expos** - Voting takes place over several days in various locations around Vallejo. Expos display the proposals on the ballot for residents to learn more. Any Vallejo resident age 16 and older can vote in the PB election.
5. **Funding and Implementation** - The projects receiving the greatest number of votes are approved by City Council.

The City of Vallejo's first cycle of PB in 2013 engaged more than 5,000 residents and generated over 800 project ideas. In the first year of PB, 12 projects were approved by the City Council provide funding and support for capital improvements, programs, and services, including street repairs, parks improvements, public safety cameras, community gardens, small business grants, and college scholarships.

PB is more than a consultation—it has given residents an opportunity to participate in the City decision-making in an unprecedented way and builds community capacity and social capital. Vallejo residents who participated in PB said their circles of acquaintances grew and they were more likely to cooperate with neighbors to take on community issues. PB has become a catalyst for Vallejo's reform, and residents have a restored sense of pride.

Special thanks to:

**The Vallejo Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee
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and

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Participatory Budgeting Vallejo



OFFICIAL BALLOT 2014

VOTING CODE: _____

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Enter your Voting Code in the space above
- All residents of Vallejo ages 16 and older may vote
- You may vote for up to five (5) projects
- You cannot vote for the same project more than once
- Ballots marked with more than five (5) votes are invalid and will not be counted
- Mark boxes clearly with an "X," a check mark "✓," or fill in the entire box "■"
- Use black or blue ink - ballots marked in pencil will NOT be counted.

Vallejo Museum: Preserving Vallejo's Past **\$ 62,000**

The project will preserve artifacts, photos, and documents through the purchase of storage materials, conservation supplies, and museum-grade shelves.

COMMITTEE: Natural & Historical Resources
PARTNER: Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum

LOCATION: Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum at 734 Marin Street

Improving School Meals **\$ 18,000**

Contract a chef or professional culinary consultant to improve the taste, appeal and cultural relevancy of school meals.

COMMITTEE: Education
PARTNER: VCUSD

LOCATIONS: Vallejo City Unified School District schools

Sidewalk Repair and Street Tree Preservation **\$ 162,000**

Funds will be used to repair sidewalks damaged by tree roots while preserving street trees. No tree removal will occur as part of this project.

COMMITTEE: Transportation & Safety
PARTNER: City of Vallejo

LOCATIONS: Vallejo owner-occupied homes who apply, awarded in order of date of submission

Equip an Electronics Lab at Vallejo High School **\$ 71,000**

Purchase Electrical Equipment to enhance electronics programming in the Engineering Academy at Vallejo High School.

COMMITTEE: Education
PARTNER: VCUSD

LOCATION: Vallejo High School

Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety and Traffic Calming **\$ 525,000**

Increase pedestrian safety in dangerous crosswalks by enhancing the capacity of Public Works to deploy traffic calming and crosswalk safety devices.

COMMITTEE: Transportation & Safety
PARTNER: City of Vallejo

LOCATIONS: Various locations throughout Vallejo determined by traffic engineers

Improve Safety of Hanns Park **\$ 46,000**

Increase personal security with solar-powered parking lot lighting & trimming trees & undergrowth to allow visual inspection of the park's picnic area.

COMMITTEE: Parks & Recreation
PARTNER: GVRD

LOCATION: Hanns Park general picnic area and parking lot

Strike Up the Bands **\$ 90,000**

Will provide much needed new instruments to ALL High School & Middle School band programs in Vallejo allowing MORE students to participate in band.

COMMITTEE: Education
PARTNERS: VCUSD, Band Booster Programs at all 5 schools

LOCATIONS: Jesse Bethel & Vallejo High Schools; Franklin, Hogan & Solano Middle Schools

Omega Boys & Girls Club Kitchen Project **\$ 83,000**

Install commercial kitchen equipment & appliances to provide nutrition/cooking education and allow senior meal preparation; also fix parking lot flooding.

COMMITTEE: Employment & Training
PARTNER: Omega Boys & Girls Club

LOCATION: Omega Boys & Girls Club at 1 Positive Place

Workforce Skills Development for Adults **\$ 32,000**

This project provides 300 Vallejo residents with FREE Computer Skills Training that will help increase their competitiveness in the job market.

COMMITTEE: Employment & Training
PARTNER: Workforce Investment Board of Solano County

LOCATION: Vallejo Job Center at 1440 Marin Street

Prioritizing Street and Pothole Repair-Repaving **\$ 1,000,000**

Improve traffic safety by enhancing the capacity of Public Works to repair and repave streets, particularly in areas of high need and increased risk.

COMMITTEE: Transportation & Safety
PARTNER: City of Vallejo

LOCATIONS: Various locations determined by traffic engineers using the Pavement Condition Index

Empower Vallejo Students via Boating **\$ 61,000**

An educational project that will change the way students discover Science, Math, Engineering, Technology and Art through a hands-on sailing program.

COMMITTEE: Education
PARTNERS: VCUSD, Vallejo Yacht Club

LOCATIONS: VCUSD Middle Schools, the Vallejo Yacht Club

Waterfront Promenade: Ramp to Mare Island Causeway **\$ 328,000**

Waterfront Path Connection Ramp to Mare Island Causeway Provides Safe, Convenient, Wheelchair, Bicycle and Pedestrian access reducing vehicle conflict.

COMMITTEE: Transportation & Safety
PARTNER: City of Vallejo

LOCATION: Waterfront East Promenade near the Coast Guard, connecting to the sidewalk along the south side of the Mare Island Causeway @ Bridge to Mare Island

Special Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement **\$ 488,000**

This project will replace the Fire Department's rescue vehicle that was put out commission two years ago with a new Technical Rescue Team Vehicle.

COMMITTEE: Transportation & Safety
PARTNER: City of Vallejo Fire Department

LOCATION: City-Wide

Improve Safety of Blue Rock Springs Park **\$ 198,000**

Install solar-powered parking lot lighting & extend lighting on the Sulphur Mountain Ridge hiking trail.

COMMITTEE: Parks & Recreation
PARTNER: GVRD

LOCATION: Blue Rock Springs Park parking lot & hiking trail

Murals for Youth **\$ 68,000**

The project aims to inspire the youth by placing four murals on Vallejo City Unified School District sites.

COMMITTEE: Youth
PARTNER: VCUSD

LOCATIONS: Four Vallejo City Unified School District school sites

The Herbert House - Waterfront Victorian Treasure **\$ 289,000**

Renovation & restoration including ADA compliance in bathroom and ramp, painting exterior/interior, landscape, parking lot asphalt & foundation repair.

COMMITTEE: Natural & Historical Resources
PARTNER: City of Vallejo

LOCATION: The Herbert House at 1 Kentucky Street across from the Vallejo Yacht Club.

A.B.C. Arts, Beautification, Community Development **\$ 96,000**

Strengthen neighborhood identity through community-involved beautification, art and architecture makeovers, murals, and downtown mobile tech tours.

COMMITTEE: Arts & Community
PARTNER: Vallejo Community Arts (VCAF)

LOCATIONS: City -Wide. Waterfront, Downtown Arts & Entertainment District, Two-Pilot Neighborhoods & Communities

Dual-Purpose Recycling/Trash Cans on Waterfront **\$ 43,000**

Dual-purpose trash receptacles would be installed in the high-usage Waterfront area for environmental, beatification, and health improvements.

COMMITTEE: Natural & Historical Resources
PARTNER: City of Vallejo

LOCATIONS: 1 mile radius along the main downtown Waterfront area

Commemorative & Memorial Waterfront Park **\$ 390,000**

Create a zero- or low-water use park that will memorialize our veterans, and commemorate the history and contributions of Vallejo and Mare Island.

COMMITTEE: Natural & Historical Resources
PARTNERS: City of Vallejo, GVRD

LOCATION: The barren end of Independence Park, on the waterfront between the Ferry Terminal and Brinkman's Marine, along Mare Island Way.

Summer Youth Employment and Internship Program **\$ 186,000**

Provides Vallejo youth an opportunity to improve their futures by enhancing skills, increasing confidence, and gaining professional work experience.

COMMITTEE: Employment & Training
PARTNERS: City of Vallejo, VCUSD

LOCATIONS: City of Vallejo, Vallejo City Unified School District, various local non-profit organizations

Restore the Mare Island Logo on the Blue Bridge **\$ 22,000**

We propose to fully restore the faded Mare Island Shipyard logo on the blue Causeway Bridge that goes onto Mare Island from Tennessee St.

COMMITTEE: Economic Development
PARTNERS: City of Vallejo

LOCATION: Mare Island Causeway Bridge

Community Branding of Vallejo **\$ 155,000**

A community wide branding and marketing strategy to leverage Vallejo's unique assets in order to attract & retain visitors, residents and businesses.

COMMITTEE: Economic Development
PARTNER: City of Vallejo

LOCATION: City -Wide

Help the Homeless Veterans, Seniors, Disabled & Kids **\$ 588,000**

Help the Homeless will provide life skills, vocational training, transitional help, medical and mental health referrals and recovery of the homeless.

COMMITTEE: At-Risk Populations
PARTNER: City of Vallejo

LOCATION: To Be Determined

3 in 1! Bike Lanes for Safety and Convenience! **\$ 117,000**

Increase striping and marking of bicycle lanes and routes along selected streets.

COMMITTEE: Transportation & Safety
PARTNER: City of Vallejo

LOCATIONS: Various locations throughout Vallejo determined by traffic engineers

Improve Safety & Comfort of River Park **\$ 46,000**

Provide rest spots by adding benches along the waterway path and increase personal security by installing solar-powered parking lot lighting.

COMMITTEE: Parks & Recreation
PARTNER: GVRD

LOCATION: River Park walkways (part of the Bay Area Trail) from end to end and the River Park parking lot.