

BC.CEC Meeting Minutes January 23rd, 2018

Collective goals and individual goals

How can people without property or kids model engaged citizenship

- Day to day things you can do
- Monthly things you can do
- Annual things you can do

What does it mean to be an engaged citizen?

Are you an engaged citizen if you are really involved in community service but not how government works and systems of power

Campaign related activities

Want to be very involved in the 2018 midterms

Run for governor of MA, manage a campaign

Find a race near by where you can do canvassing

Looking at flippable districts (Rely on the organization Flippable)

Fundraise for campaigns

Attending events

Attending community meetings

Meet with different groups you're interested in

Learn about groups that exist

Show up at City Council meetings

Communicating with representatives

Campaign against an Amazon HQ in Somerville/Boston

Organizing events about Amazon related to specific issues

Find out about things like Amazon HQ that are in the earliest stages

Attending a public forum on Amazon and communicating that to the City

What outreach is City government doing to make the case for Amazon? Are they trying to convince us? Figure out what the pressure points are

Instead of directly being involved with government, support community groups that do that for you

Meet all of the city councillors in your city

Policy Stuff

Continue to map power in local government

Learning

Keep up more on local news

It's really easy to isolate yourself from the news because it's so devastating

Follow a lot of political people on twitter

What does the government shutdown mean for municipal government

Create a discussion group for important media (reddit, facebook, text, whatever)
Find important news and figure out how we can talk about it in a meaningful way
Figure out a way to workably keep in touch with local goings on

BC.CEC Operations

What if BC.CEC had issue focused point people who report paragraph sized blurbs about different issues in the different cities

Make information teams that can go out into the community

Create minutes and engage people on the facebook group to keep them interested in case they miss meetings

People should also be able to access a paper one pager that instructs them on how to access it all

Having elected officials come to meetings to talk about what we could do to be involved

Invite people that lost their elections like Brandon Bowser

Divide meetings into little sections

Have monthly guest speakers for a tight 10 or 30 minutes

What kind of people might you be interested in?

Get Marty Walsh to come to a house show, he would have a fun time

Organize a monthly meet up to communicate with your representative

Create a script for how we can communicate with district representatives

Send letters and faxes to City Halls

"I'm a person you represent and these are the things I care about"

Organize for renters, because homeowners are already so represented

Create a family and friends outreach kit to help them get engaged in their local government

Do voter registration drives and hit college campuses and go to whatever community groups there are in any neighborhood and coordinate a day where we target under registered communities

Make resources available to others

Not all community groups are the same....

What is a community organization? Often youth focused, definitely not organized by the government, engaged in lobbying and advocacy (bridging the gap between people and government), think tanks (experts), have a friend who works at one of these organizations, figure out where the expertise comes from