

Building Sustainable Empowerment:

PB in North America



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The Participatory Budgeting Project (PBP)

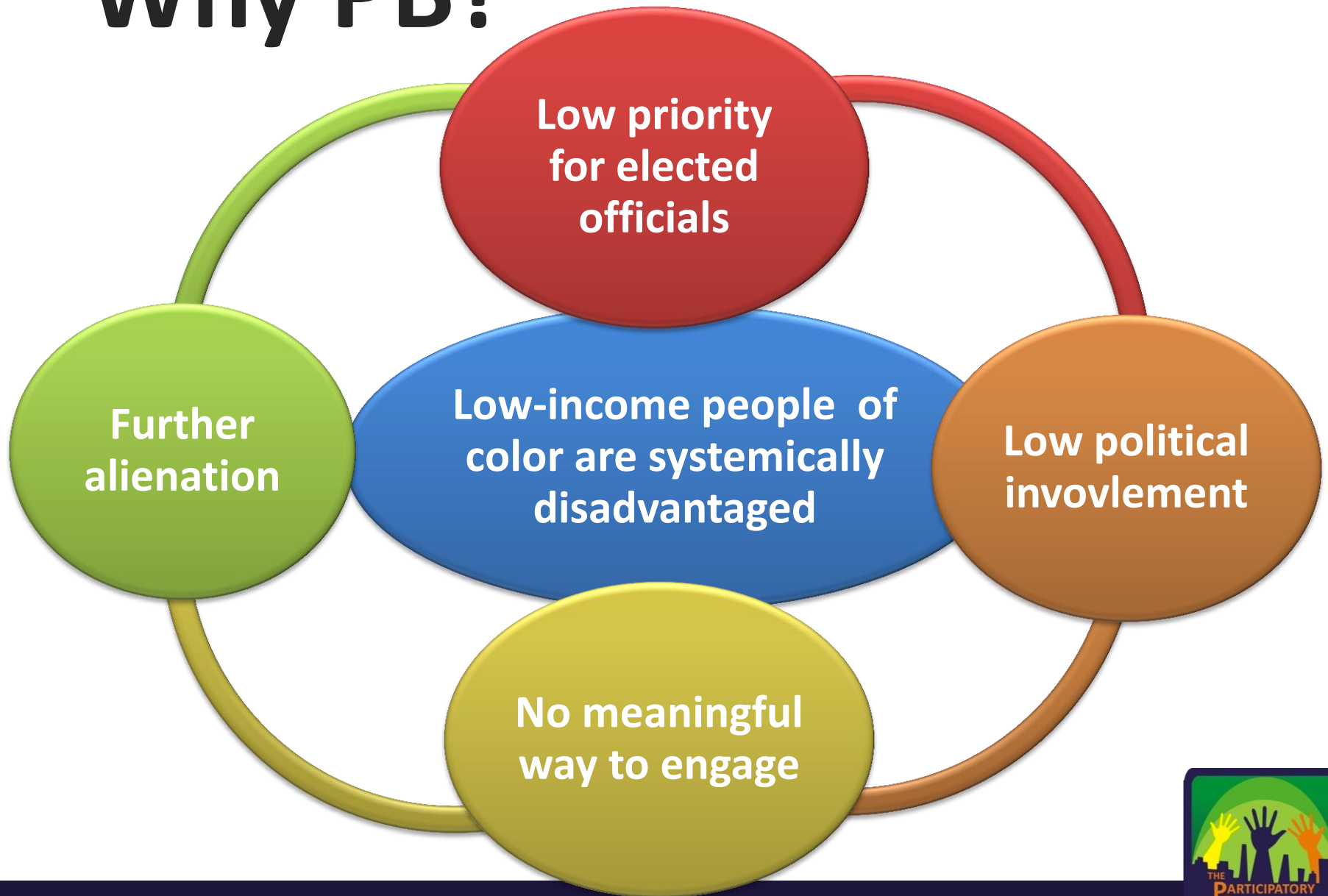


Agenda

- ✓ **Map the spread of PB in North America**
- ✓ **Examine unique aspects of the US PB model and its initial impacts**
- ✓ **Explore challenges to PB's continued growth**
- ✓ **Envision PB's continued expansion in the North America**



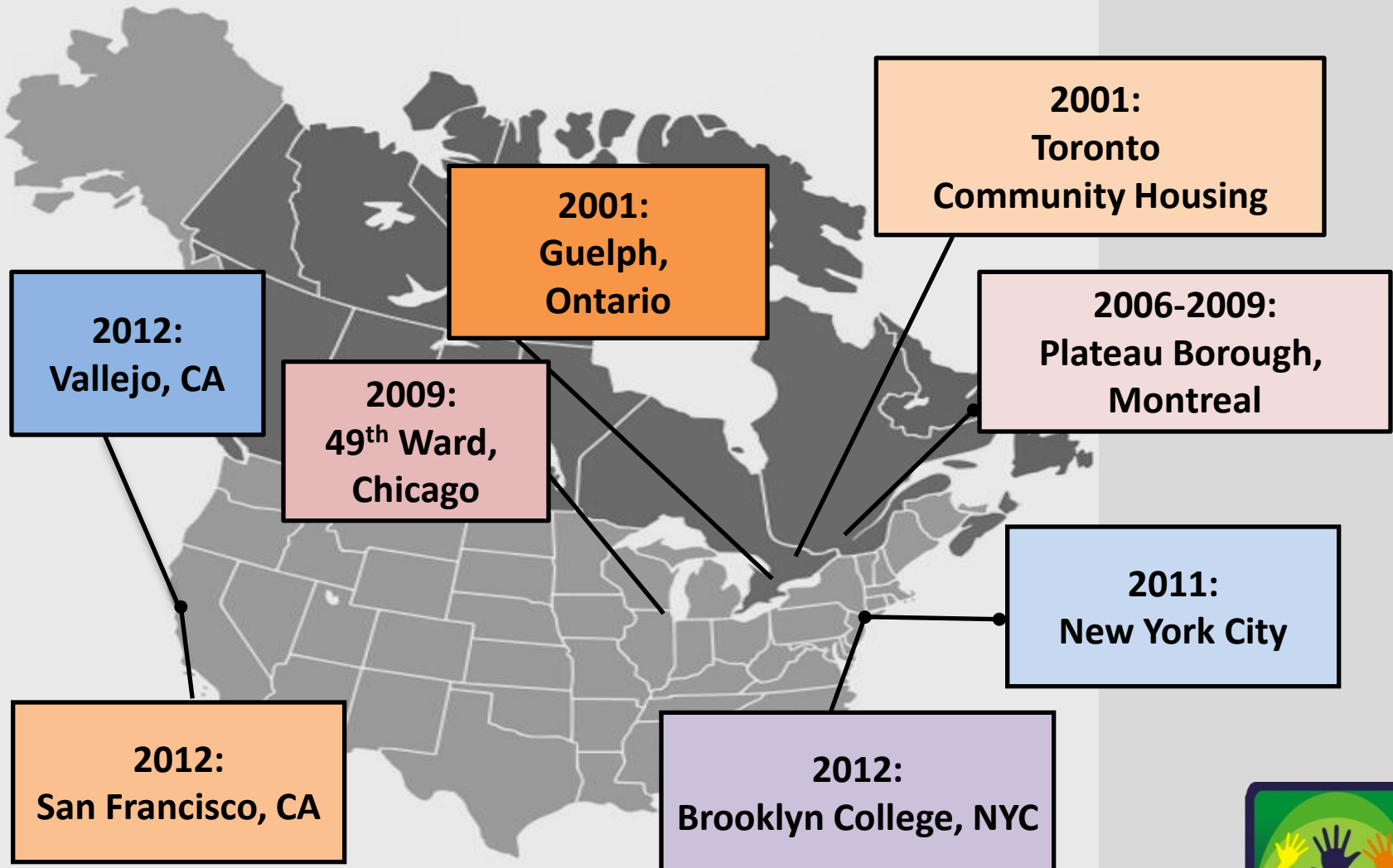
Why PB?



Video: Real Money, Real Power



Participatory budgeting in North America

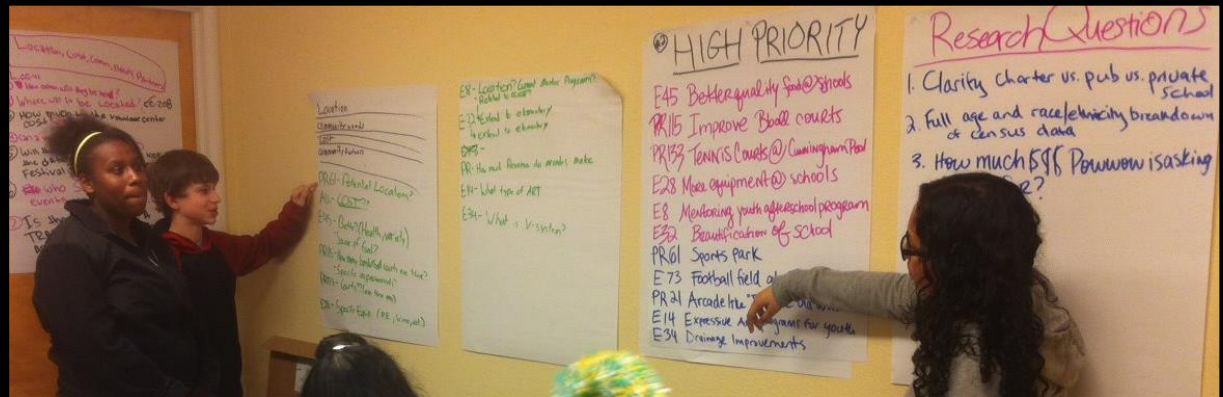


How it Works

**Local Steering
Committee**

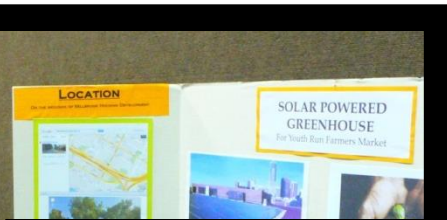
**Budget
Assemblies**

**Delegate
Meetings**



How it Works

Project Expos



Voting

Implementation



Comparison of Key US Cases

	Chicago	New York City	Vallejo, CA
PB Funds	Discretionary Funds- ~\$1million minimum per Ward	Capital Discretionary Funds Min. \$1million per district	Funds from Sales Tax – approx. \$3.4million
Total population	~60,000 residents per ward, 4 wards	~160,000 residents per district, 8 districts	~ 116,000 residents
Peak Participation, to date	~2,000 (49 th Ward), figures for multi-ward process N/A	14, 000 (PBNYC Year 2, 8 districts)	4,000+

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Budget Delegate Selection	Self Selection		
Requirements to Vote	Residents, ages 16+ PB voting includes non-citizens and others who cannot vote in political elections		
Voting	Voting occurs over 1 week, in many locations and times. No online voting.		
Sample Winners	Public murals, community gardens	Repairs to school bathrooms, security and traffic cameras, technology upgrades in	Street paving, small business grants, park improvements

Participatory design: The Role of Civil Society in PB Implementation

- **Fundraising & Advocacy**
- **Technical support**
- **Mobilization & Outreach**



Challenges and Opportunities



Inclusion and Skill Development



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***Streamlined PB:
Supporting
Volunteers and
Staff***

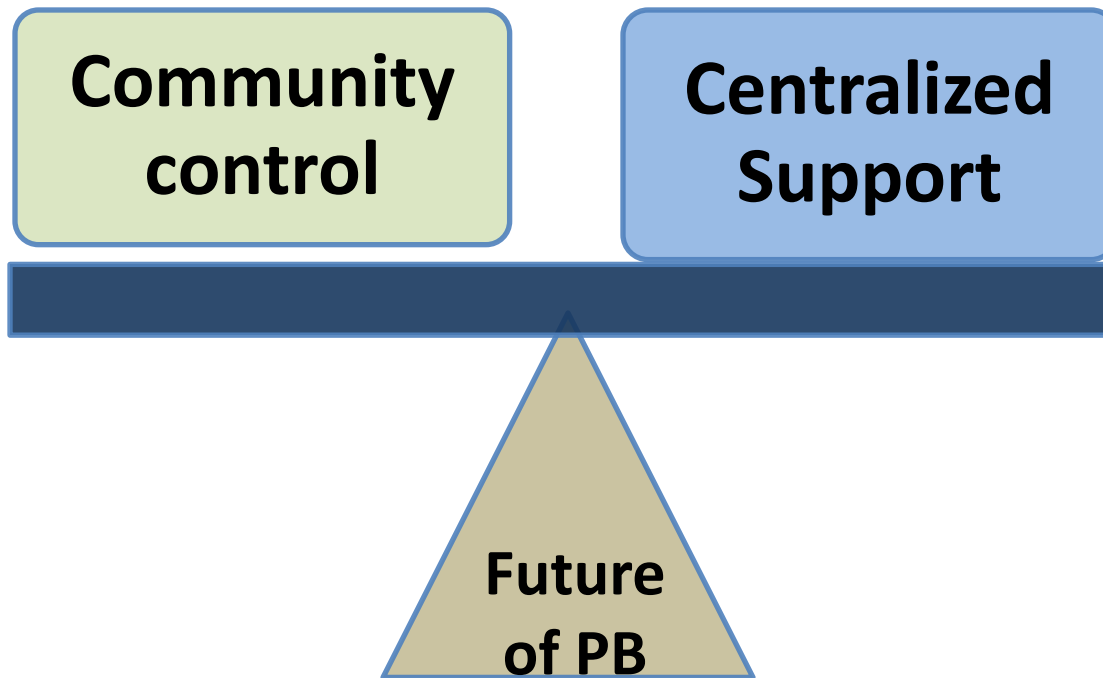


Grassroots Control and Institutionalization: A Closer look at PB Vallejo



Moving Forward

Will PB live up to its promise of creating a space for everyone to engage with their government?



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