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CAC Awarded Square One Foundation Grant to Strengthen Democracy

CAC Awarded \$55,000 Grant to Create a Pilot Project to Strengthen Democracy at the Local Level

Units of local government are the backbone of our democracy: community members are far more likely to be engaged on local issues than state or federal issues, and when individuals want to serve as public officials, they are more likely to do so at the local level.



CAC is partnering with the Square One Foundation to **develop a *Diagnostic Democracy Fitness Plan*** that identifies core elements communities should have in order for a healthy, democratic community to thrive.

The *Diagnostic Democracy Fitness Plan* will be a tool for local governments to help ensure that systems are in place to maximize constituents' trust in government and to strike a balance between ensuring the rights of the citizenry to meaningfully participate in the democratic process and the needs of public bodies to conduct the people's business.

CAC will reach out to a broad spectrum of constituents to hear YOUR perspective on the intersection of meaningful community engagement and the functioning of local government regarding what is working, what needs to be improved, where is there civic shut out, and why.

Also, keep an eye out for the dates of upcoming forums:

- 101 Training: Community Organizing and the First Amendment
- 101 Training: Understanding Local Government Meetings
- Forum: Community Activist turned Public Official: What I Wish I New as A Community Activist & Lessons Learned from the Dais.

CAC looks forward to seeing and hearing from you!

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