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**What community members are saying:**

*"There is a strong desire for meaningful connection and communication in our communities. As new forms of community participation are emerging, the Civic Engagement Initiative is "cutting edge" in giving voice to these forms of participation."  
-Network Member*

*"I really appreciate the opportunity to be involved in issues (regarding) my kids and the community I live in."  
-Dialogue Participant*

*"There are many more people interested in public dialogue than I originally thought, with diverse and varied interests."  
-Network Member*

## The Civic Engagement Initiative

### Civic Engagement promotes...

Active involvement by community members with issues that concern them. It builds a sense of ownership and inter-connectedness in communities and underscores the belief that public participation matters. Civic Engagement is nurtured through dialogue and other opportunities to consider and take action on public issues.

### The Civic Engagement Initiative (CEI)...

- is dedicated to improving the effectiveness of public dialogue in San Mateo County in order to increase the diversity and intensity of residents' involvement in issues affecting them
- convenes The Civic Engagement Network, a network of organizations and individuals who value civic engagement and public dialogue
- collaborates to support dialogue projects throughout the county including:
  - *Law Enforcement and Community Dialogues*
  - *Inter-Racial Dialogues*
  - *Housing Dialogues*
  - *Elections and Voter Education*
  - *Children's Issues*
- designs processes which ensure that a wide range of voices are invited into dialogue and heard on public issues

### TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE CEI CALL 650-373-3490

Contact Katie Howard for more information.

- Attend a Network meeting
- Participate in a public dialogue
- Volunteer to host a dialogue in your neighborhood
- Assist PCRC by facilitatating local meetings