

Southern California Planning Congress

We the People: How to Make More Voices Heard *A Community Discussion on Increasing Public Participation in Planning in 2021 and Beyond*

Saturday, February 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon via Zoom



Photos: Brian Biery

Democracy is an ideology that drives a form of government whose power is vested in the people. Its strength rests on valuing basic human rights and equal opportunity, respecting the rule of law, electing representatives who can be held accountable, and supporting a well-informed citizenry committed to civic engagement. But as US cities have grown and developed, the public's participation in community planning has waned. What are the barriers, especially at the local level, and why? What can we do to include more voices? As we begin a new year, come join panelists with multiple views of planning in an open community discussion to explore ways to strengthen further our democracy and make better, more inclusive decisions about our future.

Guest Panel Moderator:

Brian Biery, Adjunct Professor at Pacific Oaks College; Pasadena Neighborhood Network

Panelists:

The Honorable Felicia Williams, Councilmember, City of Pasadena
Nina R. Chomsky, Esq., Community Activist and President, Linda Vista-Annandale Association
Rick Cole, Former City Manager, Cities of Azusa, Ventura, and Santa Monica
Michael Dieden, Founder and President, Creative Housing Associates, LLC

Zoom Meeting Information

Date/Time: Saturday, February 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Place: Via Zoom - <https://cpp.zoom.us/j/85419458461> - Passcode 032760
Dial-In: +1 669 900 6833 - meeting ID 854 1945 8461

No registration necessary – Capacity limited to 300 persons, first-come, first-served

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