

From Budget Cuts to a People's Budget?

Connecting Participatory Planning and Public Budgets in the East Bay

A panel discussion on Participatory Budgeting

This panel discussion will explore how budget crises and lack of accountability might be addressed by opening up budgeting to the public. Chicago Alderman Joe Moore will share his experience with participatory budgeting, in which he invited residents of his ward to directly decide how to spend his \$1.3 million discretionary budget.

WHEN:

Wednesday April 27th
5-7pm

WHERE:

UC Berkeley Campus,
Wurster Hall,
Room 112, 1st floor

No RSVP necessary.

Seating first come first served.

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Speakers include:

- Joe Moore, Chicago Alderman
- Josh Lerner, The Participatory Budgeting Project



What is Participatory Budgeting?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a different way to manage public money. It is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. The Brazilian City of Porto Alegre first launched PB in 1990, for its municipal budget. Since then, over a 1000 cities around the world have adopted similar processes. States, counties, public housing authorities, schools and community organizations have also used PB for their budgets. www.participatorybudgeting.org

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