Measure D will improve democracy by requiring that county elections be decided in general elections rather than primaries. Voter turnout is much larger and more diverse in general elections, so more people will have a voice in selecting the supervisors, district attorney, sheriff, and other county officials. CPI Executive Director Kyra R. Greene, PhD, was the lead plaintiff and was joined by leaders from three other organizations in suing the Board of Supervisors for inappropriately trying to delay a vote on the reform until 2020. Full Voter Participation for San Diego County will be on the November 6 ballot, as Measure D – for democracy! In a second legal victory, an appellate court Friday rejected the County Board’s shenanigans trying to squelch the measure.

To support CPI's voter engagement efforts click here.
The makeup of the County Board of Supervisors is highlighted as part of the problem in CPI’s new report, *Community Representation*, which shows how boards and commissions throughout San Diego County fail to represent the racial, gender, and socioeconomic diversity of the region.

As a result, the perspectives of many people and communities are missing in decision-making that significantly affects their daily lives and future well-being.

The report was done in collaboration with San Diego Leaders, a coalition working to expand access to local decision-making positions and advance social justice. Read the report here: [www.sandiegoleaders.org/resources](http://www.sandiegoleaders.org/resources).

Click [here](http://www.sandiegoleaders.org/resources) for links to news coverage.

To support CPI’s efforts for a more inclusive and representative County, [click here](http://www.sandiegoleaders.org/resources).

Prepare to be an effective board or commission member!
Applications are now open for CPI's 2019 Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute. BCLI is a six-month program that trains progressive advocates from low-income communities, communities of color, and other marginalized communities to become effective commissioners.

Do you know someone who could represent you well in making decisions on building development, zoning, pollution standards, or other local policies? Please share this link with them for more information. The application deadline is October 1.

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Aug. 29 town hall: Last chance to tell the City how you want federal funds spent in your neighborhood

The City of San Diego is about to decide, as it does every five years, how to spend millions of federal dollars in Community Development Block Grants. The grants are intended to improve neighborhoods in need.

A community forum on Wednesday, August 29, is your last chance to tell the City Council how you want a $125 million spent over the next five years.

The forum, hosted by Councilmember Georgette Gómez and the City of San Diego, starts at 6 p.m. at Mountain View Rec Center, 641 S. Boundary Street, at Ocean View Blvd. More information is on the Facebook page or at www.sandiego.gov/cd9.

In solidarity,

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