

When community members are resourced to continuously support one another for increasing and exercising our civic engagement capacities, we likewise increase our chances for community self-determination.

This infographic represents a pathway of activities that contribute to an empowered community.



UNDERSTAND

Community members know how public decisions are made in their communities and recognize that inequities and their solutions are systemic.

MOBILIZE

Community members act in coordinated large numbers with a unified vision, using tactics to gain public attention and put pressure on decision makers.

APPROVE

Community members are authentically invited to participate in the adoption of plans and policies, and their input influences the final outcome.

DEVELOP

Community members are present when public programs and policies are being developed and updated and they contribute and inform decisions in meaningful ways.

DECIDE

Community members hold key positions in governance (elected, appointed, and staff) and are technically and politically supported by fellow base members for equitable outcomes.