

OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTIONS

- We can adopt new policies about campaign funding, e.g. funding must come from individual donations
- Restructure the way public comment in City Council meetings. Currently Council members prepare statements and decisions before they even hear public comment. Re-examine the process of decision making by Council.
- Re campaign donations, consider setting up a structure with city oversight. The same fundraising structure for all candidates.
- Education about how government works and how elections work.
- A clear, easily understandable document could be written about how city government works and how decisions are made could be written for the public.
- Make it easier for "outsiders" to run for Council.
- City government should be more active in educating people and getting them involved.
- We (EPiC) should educate people and get them involved in city government.
- We need a better way of assessing public opinion than just public comment at City Council meetings.
- We need to QUANTIFY information about what people want.
- EPiC on Facebook as a source of input
- Use Twitter -- it's possible to pole with Twitter
- Assessment of shared values is needed
- It was suggested that EPiC meetings include speakers education us about how city government works, or that some of us bring this information to our next meeting.
- City Councilors go into the community to learn what people want and need. Neighborhood meetings should be held more frequently.
- Involve the media to get our messages out.
- Re-examine structure of town hall meetings, so that all are heard.
- Participatory budgeting: citizens decide how a block of money will be spent. This educates public and helps create relationship with city government staff.
- We can have regular large meetings, say with potluck meals, at which information is shared on how city government works.
- Do community outreach to bring more people in to EPiC.