
Community Assembly for a People's Budget
"Reflections"– Handout C
End of Meeting Feedback
Saturday, May 5, 2012

***Please note:** This is the complete record of comments made by participants at the end of the Assembly. Also available is the complete record of notes from the Table Group discussions, as recorded on chart paper at the time. A summary is available to participants and others, consisting of a recap of the main points of the presentations and discussions.*

I. What were the most significant outcomes from the Assembly for you personally?

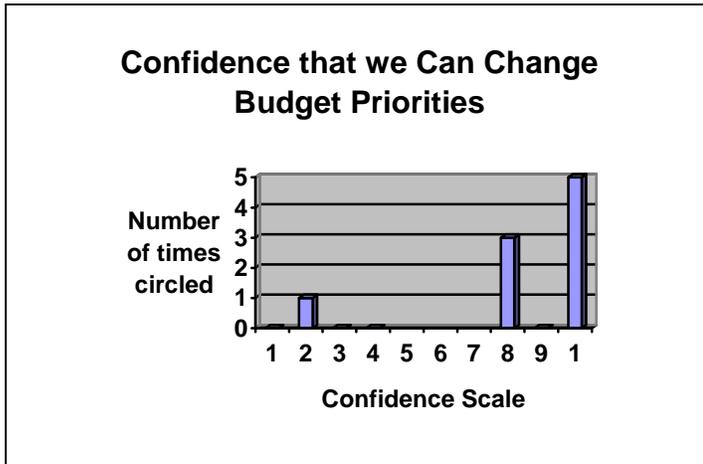
- Meeting like-minded people.
- Making connections.
- The knowledge base of speakers and participants is amazing. Professional! This group will implement change.
- Learning about the City's "hidden money."
- Building a group, sharing information, getting each other's names and commitment for continuing action.
- Learning about city money, learning about problems we didn't know before.
- Seeing so many people and organizations come together.
- The collaboration—exactly what's needed.
- Meeting people.
- Knowing about where the money is hidden.
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- Getting people together to realize that all of our struggles are the same struggle, and that we need to be united if we want to really make a change.

II. What still feels unfinished to you?

- Everything!
- The development of a roadmap for implementing a new way to review / impact the city's budget.
- Must figure out how to get citizenry involved...bottom up.
- Need more info on civic / budgetary access and how to propose actions.
- Defining what our targets are for specific sustained action.
- Bonding with multiple communities.
- Shaking loose the "no new revenue" and getting the 99% on city committees!
- Next steps.
- I think we should try to make a city budget to counter the budget released by the City.

II. On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident are you that we will be able to work together to change budget priorities & build a democratic budget process?

1 = not a snowball's chance; 10 = watch our dust!



**AVERAGE RESPONSE:
8.33**

III. Why did you place the circle where you did?

2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everything was superficial and everyone has much different values.
7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'm a cynic, but feel that the professionalism of this group will have an impact on city "suits."
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great energy here. Great people and much work needed. There is a clear demand and a clear need.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I believe in community power. It feels like it is our time. There is enthusiasm here, momentum. I am really enthusiastic about this being able to create a people's budget. I know it's going to take a long time, though. Occupy shouts when people get together, brainstorm, share experiences and ideas. PEOPLE realize WE ARE THE BOSSES.

IV. What do we need to do to maintain momentum?

- We need to keep linking our struggles together to bust the lies the 1% and the ruling class tells us.
- Follow up with your evaluation to group emails and as for and get more ideas back.
- Tell us about next meeting plans soon!
- Outreach and press kits to better tell this story.
- Mutual support for specific goals.
- Big time outreach.
- Sharing of info.
- Sharing of priorities.
- Open lines of communication.
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- More connections—preferably smaller, face to face meetings and email—lots of thought through (terse) communications.

V. What one or two words describe how you are feeling about the work we did together together today?

- It was very close to a waste of time.
- Positive
- Enlightening
- Great first steps!
- Energized
- Hopeful
- Empowered
- Excited, anxious
- Hopeful. “smarter.”
- We can
- Optimistic
- Reinvigorated

6. Other Comments:

- Everything was excellent.
- Food was excellent
- Discussions, topics, were all great and I think there needs to be more of these.