



Taking Control of Public Dollars

Harper Bishop

Buffalo Commons

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"Don't do for people what they can do for themselves. People who live in these neighborhoods have the answers, they are just never allowed to utilize them. They are continuously taken out of the decision-making process and people do things for them in "their best interest" without regard to them and without asking them what they would like in the first place. Participatory budgeting is a way for people in the neighborhood to have a say-so." - Natasha Soto, Community Organizer

COMMON COUNCIL MAKES MOVES TO BRING PB TO BUFFALO!

TAGS: PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING, PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT, PB
JULY 22, 2014

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Common Council to Explore Participatory Budgeting in Buffalo

New group will develop recommendations for implementing process in the Queen City



BUFFALO, NY – The Common Council voted unanimously today to establish a working group to learn more about Participatory Budgeting and develop recommendations for implementing the process in Buffalo. Participatory Budgeting is a different way to manage public money, and to engage people in government. It is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget. It was first developed in Brazil in 1989 and there are now over 1,000 participatory budgets around the world used by countries, states, counties,

Participatory Budgeting (PB) presented was a unique way to engage citizens and educate them in the process of cities around the world.



She had the opportunity to talk with Council Members from New York City about PB in their communities, as well as

to meet with members from the Participatory Budgeting Project who are working throughout the country in implementing PB.

She is also documenting the use of PB in New York City and how it works with which residents participated in the process and the results.



NEW YORK STATE

Buffalo's First Step Toward Participatory Budgeting

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By SHANE MEYER FROM THE PUBLIC | MAY 26, 2015

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Participatory budgeting is an “idea whose time has come,” say its proponents. At the core of the practice is the belief that democratizing the budgeting process will make it more efficient and meaningful to the people with intimate knowledge of the challenges presented in their neighborhoods.



**ALL
MASTEN
RESIDENTS
& STUDENTS
AGE 14+
ELIGIBLE TO VOTE!**

**BRING PROOF
OF DISTRICT
RESIDENCY TO
VOTE!**

Examples include
Utility Bill, Photo ID,
Student ID

**CAST
YOUR
VOTE!**

**HOW WILL YOU SPEND
\$150,000 IN THE
MASTEN DISTRICT?**

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a different way to manage public money. It's a democratic process in which YOU decide how to spend part of our City's budget. It's real decision-making power over real money. Participatory Budgeting Buffalo is in the Masten District this year and YOUR VOTE will decide how \$150,000 is spent!

**CAST YOUR VOTE TO DECIDE AT THE
OFFICIAL PROJECT EXPO & VOTING
KICKOFF PARTY!**

**MONDAY, MARCH 21ST 2016
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
DELAVAN GRIDER COMMUNITY CENTER
877 E DELAVAN STREET, BUFFALO**

**ADDITIONAL VOTING SITES THROUGHOUT MASTEN
TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND - SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH**

Visit pbbuffalo.org for more
information and voting sites!
For additional information, contact Natasha
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PB BUFFALO

Participatory Budgeting in Buffalo, New York



CYCLE 1: 2015-16 MASTEN DISTRICT RESULTS



300 RESIDENTS VOTED



23 PROJECTS ON THE BALLOT

**Participatory budgeting, cut from city budget,
continues in Niagara District**



HOW WILL YOU SPEND \$10,000 IN NIAGARA? THE DISTRICT?

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB) BUFFALO NIAGARA COUNCIL DISTRICT VOTING SITES

CAST YOUR VOTE JUNE 23RD – 30TH

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

4:00pm - 6:00pm
**Grant Street
Neighborhood
Center**
271 Grant Street

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

9:30am - 1:00pm
**Breadhive
Bakery**
402 Connecticut Street

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

11:00am - 2:00pm
Front Park
off Porter Avenue
11:00am - 2:00pm
Broderick Park
off Niagara Street

MONDAY, JUNE 26

9:00am - 4:00pm
**Jericho Road
Community Health
Center**
184 Barton Street

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

4:00pm - 7:00pm
**Elmwood Square
Apartments**
505 Elmwood Avenue

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

9:00am - 2:00pm
5:30pm - 8:00pm
**West Side
Community
Services**
161 Vermont Street

8:00am - 11:00am
Breadhive Bakery
402 Connecticut Street

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

5:00pm - 8:00pm
Rudeboyz Artworks
527 W Utica Street

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

8:30am-10:00am
3:00pm-5:00pm
Northwest Bank
364 Connecticut Street

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Councilman David Rivera wants to hear from you!

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or call the Clean Air Coalition at (716) 852-3813
Councilman Rivera's Office at (716) 851-5125



Black Love Resists in the Rust



REDUCE THE BUFFALO POLICE BUDGET



JULY 8, 2020
12-1:30 PM

BUFFALO POLICE BUDGET 101

This workshop will breakdown the BPD budget and answer these questions:

- What's included in the recently adopted 2020-2021 police budget?
- How has the Buffalo police budget changed over the last decade?
- What has contributed to increased spending?
- What has been the return on investment in policing?

Register here:
<https://bit.ly/2Njjg6z>.



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Buffalo police officers plead not guilty to assaulting 75-year-old man at demonstration

POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION GEORGE FLOYD

Buffalo's Police Brutality Didn't Start With Martin Gugino

In the past three years alone, Buffalo police have killed four young men of color under questionable circumstances.

NATION

2 Buffalo cops charged with assault after video shows officers shoving 75-year-old man to the ground

LOCAL NEWS

Family of man shot by Buffalo Police say he didn't deserve to get shot

— As of Monday afternoon, the family of Willie Henley said he was back in the ICU at ECMC and listed as critical, but stable.

15 cases of alleged police brutality, excessive force in WNY since 2006

86 percent involve people of color as victims

Buffalo has its own cases of police brutality - especially against people of color

GENESEE & ASH ST - BUFFALO, NY

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SUN, 9/13 - 5 PM





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