

## Recipes for Community Grounded Advisory Group Action

CCEC, Sierra Ballroom B, 6/24 @ 1:15 pm - 2:30pm

### Moderator:

- Tonya Veitch, Climate & Community Resilience Manager, Santa Clara County

### Speakers:

- Soitza (Gaby) Del Real, Community organizer, Veggielution
- Elizabeth Harris, Sustainability Analyst, Santa Clara County / BayREN
- Lupe Yepiz, Health Education Specialist, Santa Clara County Public Health Department

### Notes

- Discussing Resident Advisory Committee - RAC
- RAC - partners with Santa Clara Public Health and Veggielution - meet monthly for two hours - incentives for members:
  - Take place in evening
  - Offer meals and childcare
  - Offer stipend for participants
  - Mileage reimbursement for those who live far away
- History: started partnership with Veggielution in 2024 → begin RAC, co-led the recruitment, 10 committee members, developed everything from scratch - infrastructure, policy, getting to know members/trusting relations, meeting co-facilitation
- 3 areas of focus:
  - Food access & systems - RAC members study the County of Santa Clara Food System Workplan
  - Climate & Health
  - Emergency Preparedness
- Induction Workshops with the RAC + BayREN
  - Provided \$500 stipends to 5 RAC teams to conduct induction demo/education session in their community - held five workshops across the county, held in community centers, home kitchen, backyards, some urban/rural = wide variety of participants, engaged 85 participants, most identified as low/very low income, primarily Spanish speaking
  - Majority did not know about induction stoves
  - Increase knowledge/awareness of induction kitchen - people are willing and wanting to try these programs, but want to try before buying -
  - Health and safety was the main driver to change, really liked hands-on trial
  - RAC-led → flexible location & language

### Polls:

- Do you have an advisory body in your community?
  - Commission

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- Community Advisory board
- Resident working group
- Technical advisory group
- No
- Other
- What are ideas for different types of compensation



- How does your advisory body make decisions?

### Activity:

- Ingredients - partnerships, body members, advisory body focus area, extrinsic compensation, intrinsic compensation, primary audience served, & secret ingredient = mentorship
- Method: recruiting members, decision making, deliverables, project overview, capture impact
  - Perception and knowledge changes, barriers to accessing induction hubs
  - Consider time to conduct the program e.g. this project was 6 weeks

### Worksheet - Ingredients

[Worksheet Link](#)

### Worksheet - Method

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**Recipes for Community Action - Ingredients**

**Advisory Body Focus Area**  
What are the topics/expertise/focus areas/projects for the advisory body?

**Extrinsic Compensation**  
What can be provided to members, monetarily, supplies, or ways to ease participation?

**Body Members**  
Describe the type of people who will be on the advisory body?

**Intrinsic Compensation**  
What skills, trainings, recognition or other benefits can member receive?

**Partnerships**  
Who will run and support the advisory body?

**Secret Ingredients**  
What is special in your community or an another ingredient idea?

**Primary Audience Served**  
Who does the body to serve/engage/inform?

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**Recipes for Community Action - Method**

**Recruiting Members**  
How do you recruit and select members?

**Project Overview**  
What does the project entail for the members to do?

**Decision Making**  
How does the body make decisions or form project groups?

**Capture Impact**  
What metrics and feedback will the members collect?

**Deliverable**  
What do the members produce at the end of the project?

**Timelines**  
How much time to conduct the project?

**Season to Taste**

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## RAC Member Testimonials

- Helped members find voice as community leader, know experiences matter
- RAC members felt heard
- Support meaningful initiatives
- Help build a healthier community for everyone
- Feel confident to make informed decisions
- We are the driving force of change in our community

## Q&A

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