

Engagement Parties

Overview:

The “Engagement” Parties are based on traditional community organizing models. Parties will be structures around 3-5 topics for discussion and lead by the party host. These topics and questions will be selected and scripted prior to the party. The goal of each event is to encourage honest and informative dialog about the issues that people are passionate about; the reason someone would go out in the rain to vote.

A group of no more than 25 host will go through an orientation in how to conduct these parties and will be task with inviting 6-12 people to an event within 30 days. The events can be held at a bar, coffee shop, or home; events can be anywhere host and participants feel comfortable. The participants in the first round of events will be recruited to go through an orientation and host the second round of parties. This cycle will repeat every 30 days, building a pyramid of individuals who have lead are participated in Engagement Parties.

Common Good and Puentes will conduct orientations, and assistance from ally organizations and the outreach committee will be needed to recruit the first round of Engagement Party host. The “If I were mayor” video may or may not be used as a conversation started at each party,

The first training will be scheduled by August 12, 2009 and will be held prior to the end of August. The first round of parties will be held in September, and subsequent parties will be held monthly.

There is no funding required for these events. Each host will be responsible for deciding whether to provide refreshments.