

# Effective Tips and Tools to Broaden Citizen Engagement

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## **Brainstorm** Activity

What are the challenges you face with engaging diverse audiences in your community?



# Broadening Citizen Engagement

- Know your Audience
- Understand the barriers to participation
- Why is engaging diverse audiences important
- What it is NOT



# Successful effort City of Decatur

<u>Problem</u>: Lack of representation/participation from various groups of people.

<u>Solution</u>: The use of diverse communications/outreach methods and incorporating language translations. The Better Together initiative.







## Outcome

#### **Better Together Community Conversation**



#### Superhero Movie Bash





# Successful effort Gwinnett County Government

Problem: Low participation or representation at public meetings

Solution: Increase access to public meetings by hosting them in local communities, offering language assistance





### Outcome

#### Chai & Chat – 200 attendees





#### Tacos & Talk – more than 150 attendees







# **Group Activity**

What groups are you looking to engage in your community?



# Report out/Close

- Revisit Challenges
- What did we learn?
- Questions?