



## 2.4.26 Webinar | Participatory Budgeting for Health Equity: A Unified, Multisectoral Approach

Presented by S4A grantees at [NYC Civic Engagement Commission \(CEC\)](#) and [Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai](#)

**Q: Thank you for your amazing work! I am a general pediatrician at Montefiore and strongly believe that civic engagement improves health outcomes for individuals and communities. Are there materials that I can share with my patients and families with information about how to vote in the spring? Thank you!**

A. The CEC will be developing materials with all the details and will share widely. In the meantime, you can register for our newsletter at [NYCCEC Newsletter](#)

**Q. In meetings, how did you actually "record" what people said, did, and the like?**

A. I am not sure which meetings but if they are at Idea Generation sessions we have people discuss what concerns and solution they have and then they write that down on our Idea Generation worksheets and the meeting organizer inputs them into our online database.

**Q. I understand you hope to build evidence for participatory budgeting, what is the primary goal to support communities of colors and marginalized communities build self-determination? Are there pathways for community members to sit on the board for this research project, to be involved in the decision-making process? This work appears to be heavily led by academic, non-profit, government partners who have touchpoints in communities, but are also shut out from hard to reach communities. This is from someone who has received this criticism from others, so something to flag.**

A. Our community partners are selected based on their in depth connections to the communities they serve. The Circle Keepers, Bronx River Arts Center, and Institute for Family Health (IFH is a federally qualified community health center) all are embedded in their neighborhoods and serve marginalized populations. Those organizations also bring community members from their programs to our partnership meetings and they have a say in they decisions we make. We are also using surveys and interviews with over 200 community residents to inform the final reports.