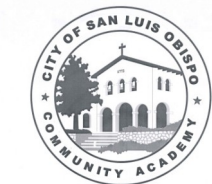


# WHAT IS...

The City of San Luis Obispo's Community Academy is a program of classes designed to help participants understand all aspects of City government. The mission of the program is to develop future leaders and build a better community by creating well-informed and civically engaged residents.

Classes will help participants understand key roles in a municipality and how those roles interact to form a strong and effective government body. Sessions range from City organization and funding to police and fire services and will culminate in a mock City Council meeting that will apply knowledge gained from academy participation.

# COMMUNITY ACADEMY?



JOIN US!

# Community Academy

2011 Sept. 15 to Nov. 5



# FACTS

# SESSION SCHEDULE



There is no fee to attend.

Early registration is encouraged.

Class size is limited.

Classes will be held on seven consecutive Thursday evenings.

Rewarding Academy graduation celebration and delicious lunch on Saturday, November 5th.

It is important for individuals to attend each class in order to increase their knowledge for the culminating session when Academy attendees will participate in a mock City Council meeting.

- ① **Sept. 15 @ 5:30 pm**, Introduction & Overview  
What cities do, how they are organized, and how they are funded
- ② **Sept. 22 @ 5:30 pm**, Community Development & Economic Development  
Community planning for the future and creating a diverse, stable job market
- ③ **Sept. 29 @ 5:30 pm**, Human Resources, City Clerk, Finance & Information Technology  
Organizational support provided for both City employees and residents
- ④ **Oct. 6 @ 5:30 pm**, Police & Fire  
Community services offered by the Police and Fire Departments
- ⑤ **Oct. 13 @ 5:30 pm**, Parks and Recreation & Natural Resources  
Open space, creeks, parks and recreation
- ⑥ **Oct. 20 @ 5:30 pm**, Public Works & Utilities  
Creating and maintaining the infrastructure that supports residents and businesses
- ⑦ **Oct. 27 @ 5:30 pm**, Mock City Council Meeting  
Class participants put their new knowledge to work by playing all the roles
- ⑧ **Nov. 5 @ 9:00 am**, Field Trip & Celebratory Lunch  
Saturday morning City tour followed by a graduation lunch. Diplomas will be presented by the City Council

*“The Community Academy offers a great opportunity for our citizens to learn the fundamentals and some of the ‘inside’ information about how our municipality works. We are proud of our strong tradition of public participation in all of our decision-making at City Hall, and we all agree with Thomas Jefferson’s maxim that an informed citizenry is essential for a thriving democracy.”*

*- John Ashbaugh, Vice Mayor*

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