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## Want to See Your Tax Dollars In Action? Sign Up for Civics 101

**Redwood City** – The County of San Mateo is accepting applications for the [Civics 101 Academy](#), a free nine-week course that provides an in-depth look at how local government works.

A series of workshops and hands-on exercises offers participants with the chance to learn from top County leaders, including elected officials, and ask questions. Civics 101 also serves as a recruiting tool for the County's numerous advisory [boards and commissions](#).

“This is a unique opportunity for anyone who lives, works or goes to school in San Mateo County to see how local government operates,” said San Mateo County Supervisor Carole Groom. “Want to learn about services for homeless individuals and families? Ever wonder what it takes to launch a career in law enforcement? Where do tax dollars go? Apply for Civics 101 and find out.”

The 2022 Civics 101 Academy will run for nine consecutive Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8:30, from September 6 through November 1.

Most sessions will be held at [501 Winslow St.](#), Redwood City (the Regional Operations Center on the campus of County Government Center; the center is served by both SamTrans and Caltrain).

The class will be capped at 65 participants. Due to ongoing community health considerations, masks may be required. Attendees will receive more information before the first session.

For an application and more information, please visit [Civics 101 Academy](#).

Questions? Please email Civics 101 organizer Eric Forgaard at [eforgaard@smcgov.org](mailto:eforgaard@smcgov.org), or call 650-363-4123.