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California State Digital Equity Plan and Public Comment Informational Webinar

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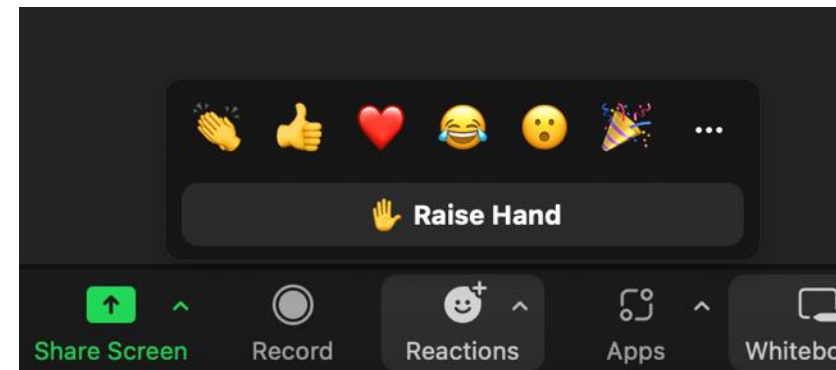
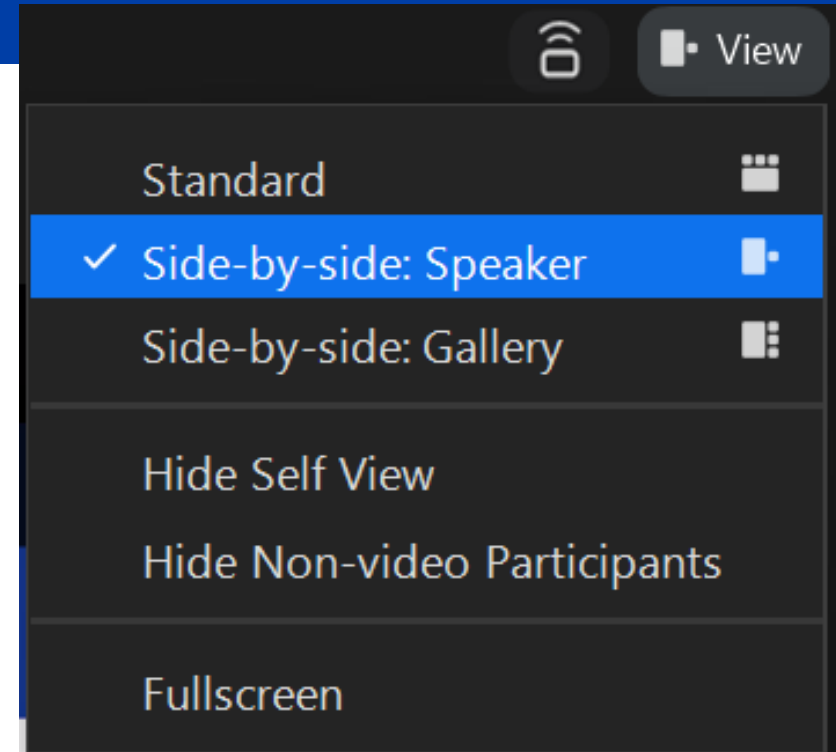
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Introduction

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AGENDA

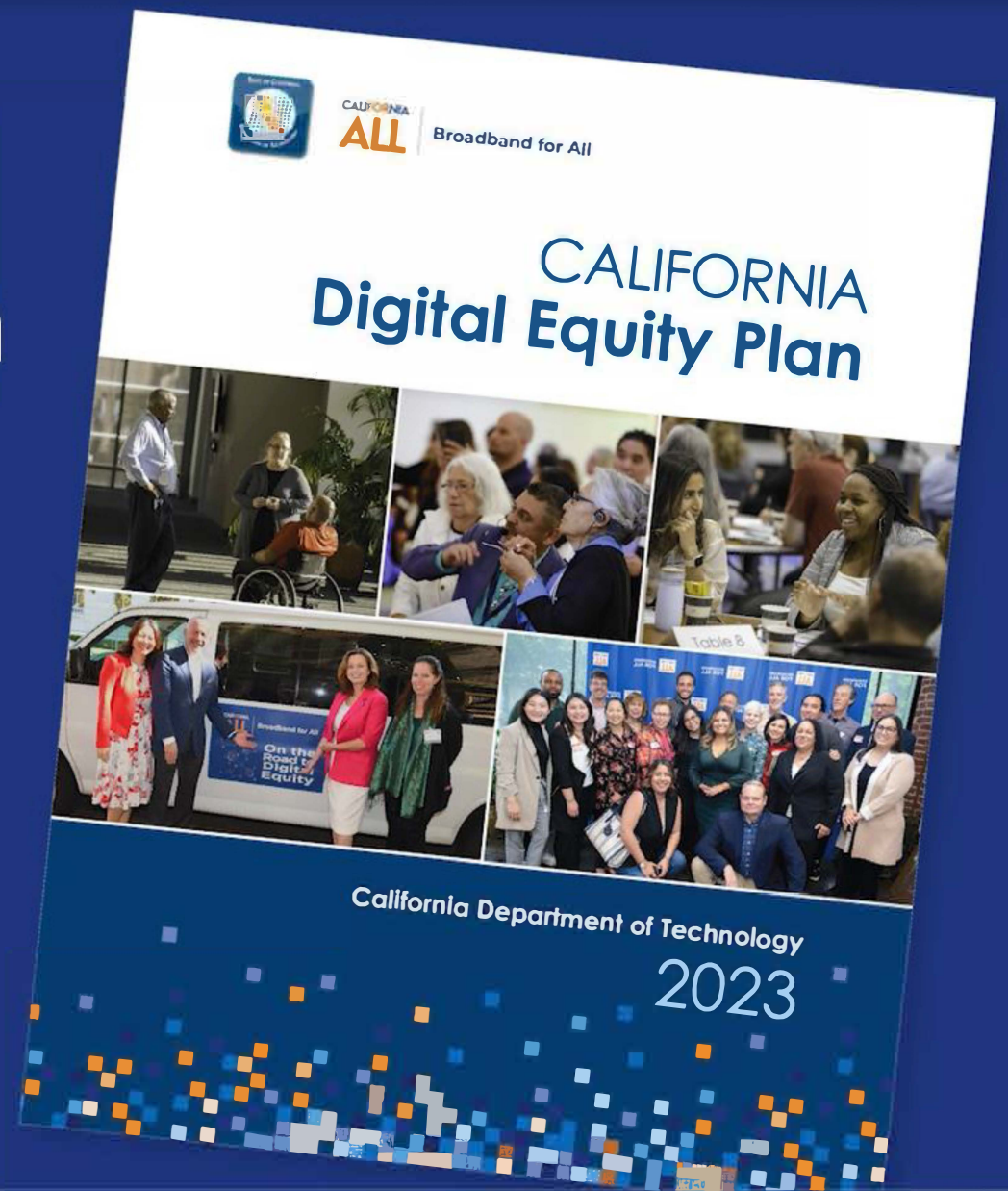
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- How We Got Here
- Framework of the State Digital Equity Plan (SDEP)
- Where to Find the SDEP and How to Comment
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The Draft State Digital Equity Plan is now

AVAILABLE

for **PUBLIC**

COMMENT





How We Got Here

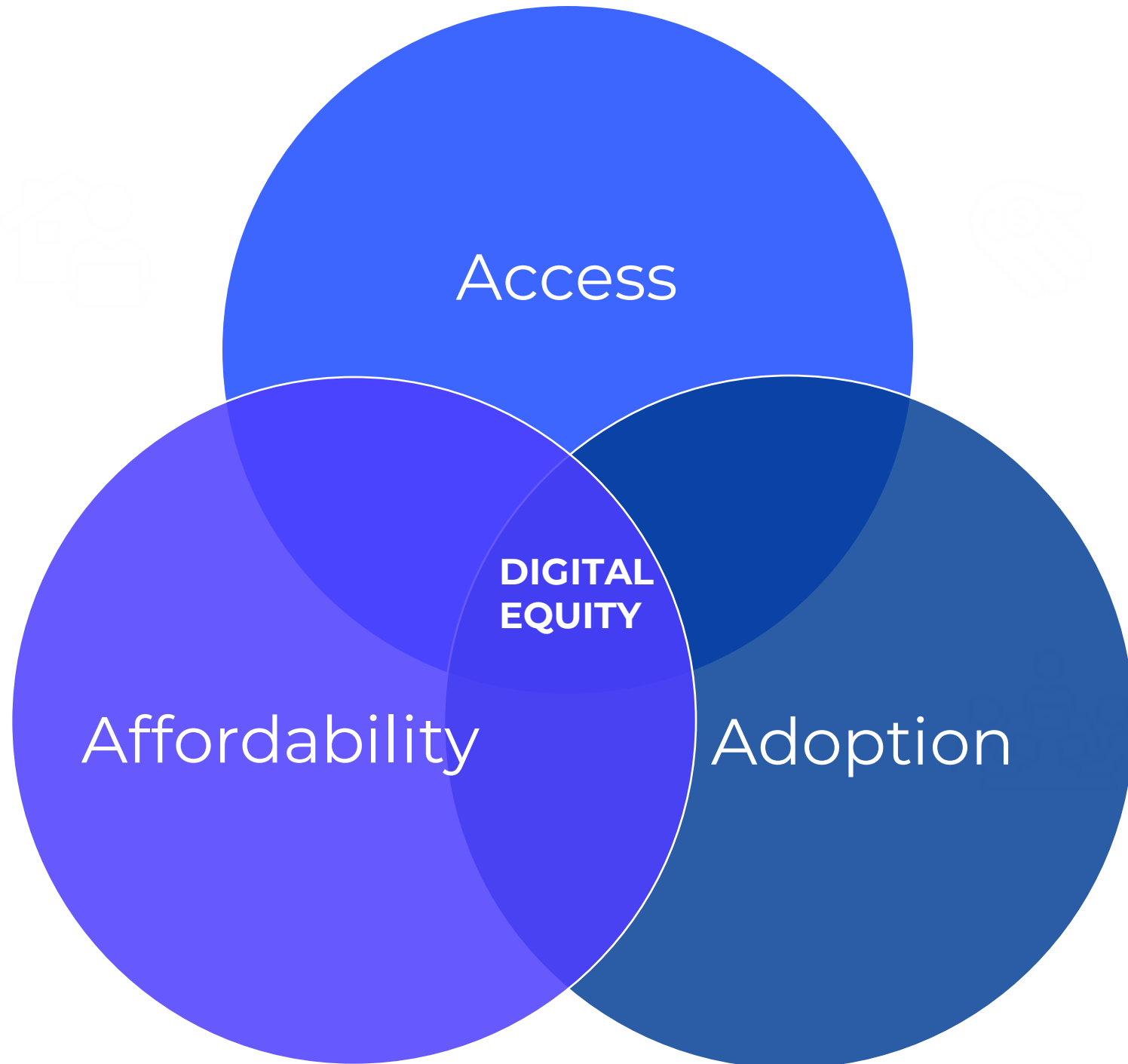
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Access

Affordability

Adoption

**DIGITAL
EQUITY**

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Broadband Council (2010)

Executive Order N-73-20 (2020)

Broadband Action Plan (2020)

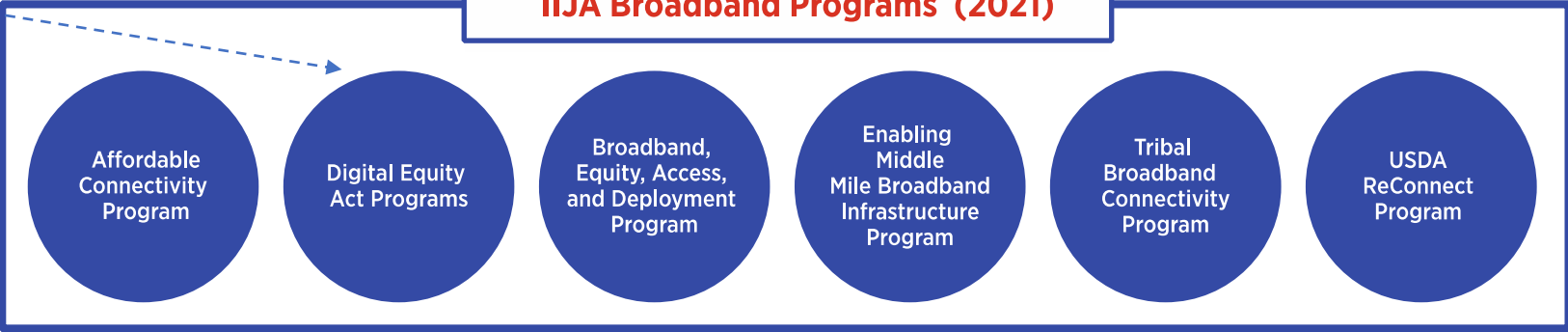
Senate Bill 156 (2021)

Middle Mile Broadband Initiative

Last Mile Programs

Assembly Bill 2750 (2022)

IIJA Broadband Programs (2021)



COVERED POPULATIONS

The Digital Equity Act prioritizes investments for eight “Covered Populations”

1

Individuals living in covered households with an income at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level

2

Aging individuals (60+)

3

Incarcerated individuals
other than individuals who are incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility

4

Veterans

5

Individuals with disabilities

6

Individuals with language barriers
including individuals who are English learners; and have low levels of literacy

7

Members of racial or ethnic minority groups

8

Individuals who primarily reside in rural area

9

Women and those who identify as female

10

LGBTQI+

Specifically called out in the BEAD notice of funding opportunity

HOW WE GOT HERE

THE PLANNING PROCESS

The State Digital Equity Plan was informed by a multi-pronged process:

- **Statewide Planning Group**
- **Outcome Area Working Groups**
- **California Digital Equity Surveys**
- **Regional & Local Planning Workshops**
- **Statewide Public Engagement**





How We Got Here

Scope Of Engagement

Fall BB4All Summit
Participants

842

SPG Meeting
Participants

699

Outcome Area Working
Group Participants

2,651

DEEM Tool Respondents

466

Telephone Survey Responses

3,560

Online Survey Responses

43,432

Regional Planning Workshops
and Consultations Participants

2,296

Meetings, listening sessions

375+



Framework of the State Digital Equity Plan (SDEP)

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OVERVIEW

- 1. Executive Summary**
- 2. Introduction and Vision for Digital Equity**
- 3. Current State of Broadband and Digital Equity**
- 4. Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement**
- 5. Implementation Strategies and Key Activities**
- 6. Conclusion**
- 7. Appendices**

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Why it's Important

This section provides an accessible summary of the entire plan, including the structure and key findings.

Key Content

Summarizes objectives, barriers to digital equity, and key strategies to achieve the collective goals.

Highlights

- Outlines the three goals and corresponding objectives
- Summarizes the needs and barriers faced by Californians
- Describes digital equity assets and gaps
- Outlines key strategies and implementation activities.

2. INTRODUCTION & VISION FOR DIGITAL EQUITY

Why it's Important

This section outlines the vision and goals that we will all work to achieve.

Key Content

Introduces a collective vision for digital equity, and sets objectives and strategies to achieve those goals.

Highlights

Vision for digital equity: A California in which all residents have access to high-performance broadband, affordable service and devices, and the training and support necessary to enable digital inclusion for economic and other social benefits.

3. CURRENT STATE OF BROADBAND & DIGITAL EQUITY

Why it's Important

This section sets the baseline from which progress will be measured.

Key Content

Identifies needs and barriers that Californians face, and the key resources that will be necessary for ensuring digital equity.

Highlights

Common barriers to digital equity:

- Access
- Affordability
- Adoption

Identifies specific barriers by covered populations

4. COLLABORATION & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Why it's Important

This section outlines the inclusive and participatory planning process that informed the Digital Equity Plan.

Key Content

Describes the comprehensive planning process, diverse outreach approaches, and inclusive engagement methods.

Highlights

The Plan was informed by:

- Statewide Planning Group
- Outcome Area Working Groups
- California Digital Equity Surveys
- Regional & Local Planning Workshops
- Statewide Public Engagement

5. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES & KEY ACTIVITIES

Why it's Important

This section outlines the implementation strategy to achieve the shared vision and goals.

Key Content

Outlines priorities in outcome areas and lays out funding and sustainability approaches.

Highlights

This section describes seven key activities and how they will:

- Work to meet the objectives of the Plan
- Address gaps that have been identified
- Support covered populations

6. CONCLUSION & 7. APPENDIX

Why it's Important

These sections reemphasize how we are all working to close the digital divide and how we will continue to make progress toward digital equity goals.

Key Content

Conclusion and Appendices

Highlights

- Concluding statement
- Supporting charts and graphs in Appendix A – Y



Where to Find the SDEP and How to Comment

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STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN (SDEP) PORTAL

SDEP LANDING PAGE

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Draft State Digital Equity Plan

The State of California has taken a major step toward closing the digital divide with the release of the draft Digital Equity Plan. The plan will allow the state to apply for a Digital Equity Capacity Grant funded by the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021. Public comment period will remain open through January 25, 2024.

[Read the Draft Plan](#)



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Draft State Digital Equity Plan

The State of California is taking a vitally important step toward closing the digital divide by releasing its draft California Digital Equity Plan aimed at ensuring every Californian has equitable access to reap the social and economic benefits of the digital world. The public is invited to add input to the plan by commenting before **January 25, 2024**.

[Read or Print the draft California Digital Equity Plan via PDF](#)

Alternative Access

The California Department of Technology has developed an HTML version of the same draft California Digital Equity Plan to be available in over 100 languages and compatible with assistive technology.

Access the HTML version of various sections of the draft Plan below. Select your preferred language on the top right corner of the page.

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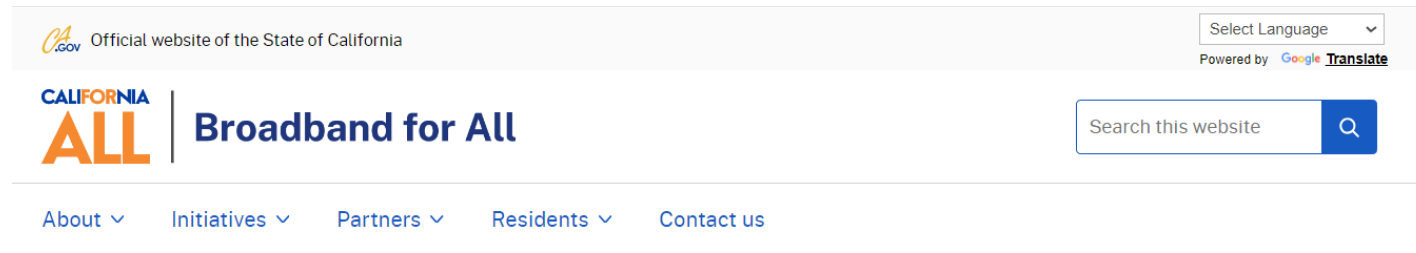
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DRAFT SDEP PUBLIC COMMENT FORM



Public Comment period is now open and will close on **Thursday, January 25, 2024.**

Digital Equity Plan Public Comment Form

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The California Department of Technology (CDT) has taken a major step towards ensuring digital access for all Californians with the release of the draft California Digital Equity Plan. This visionary plan aims to inform the allocation of millions of dollars in the years to come to support broadband access, affordability and adoption to bridge the digital divide across the state.

To ensure the plan meets the diverse needs of California's communities, we invite the public to share their thoughts through the designated public comment form below. You may comment on one or all sections of the plan.

The public comment period will remain **open until January 25, 2024.**



Scan the QR code using your mobile device or access the public comment form at:

[Bit.ly/SDEPPublicComment](https://bit.ly/SDEPPublicComment)



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STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN (SDEP) PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM – RESIDENT

Are you providing comments as a resident or on behalf of an organization?

Resident Organization

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

City

Do you reside in California? *

Yes
 No


ZIP Code

Do you identify as or provide services to any of the following Covered Populations?

- Aging Individuals (60+)
- Immigrants
- Individuals in households below 150% of the federal poverty line
- Individuals living in a tribal community
- Individuals primarily residing in a rural area
- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals with limited English proficiency
- LGBTQIA+ individuals
- Racial or ethnic minorities
- Unhoused individuals
- Veterans
- Women

Select a section to provide a comment

Please provide a comment *

Voice-to-Text Comment 

Comment on another section?

Submit

STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN (SDEP) PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM – ORGANIZATION

Are you providing comments as a resident or on behalf of an organization?

Resident Organization

First Name *

Last Name *

Title *

Organization *

Email *

City

State

Phone Number

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1. Executive Summary

Please provide a comment *

Voice-to-Text Comment

Comment on another section?

No

Submit

State Digital Equity Planning Components

Statewide
Planning
Group >

Outcome Area
Working
Groups >

Regional
Planning
Workshops >

CA Statewide
Digital Equity
Telephone
Survey >

California
Digital Equity
Public Online
Survey >

Digital Equity
Ecosystem
Mapping
Tool >



Live Demonstration

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Partner Outreach Toolkit

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PARTNER TOOLKIT

- **Share the digital equity plan with your community**
- **Outreach resources are available in the SDEP Partner Toolkit**
- **Available in seven languages**



Scan the QR code using your mobile device or access the toolkit at:

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What's Next

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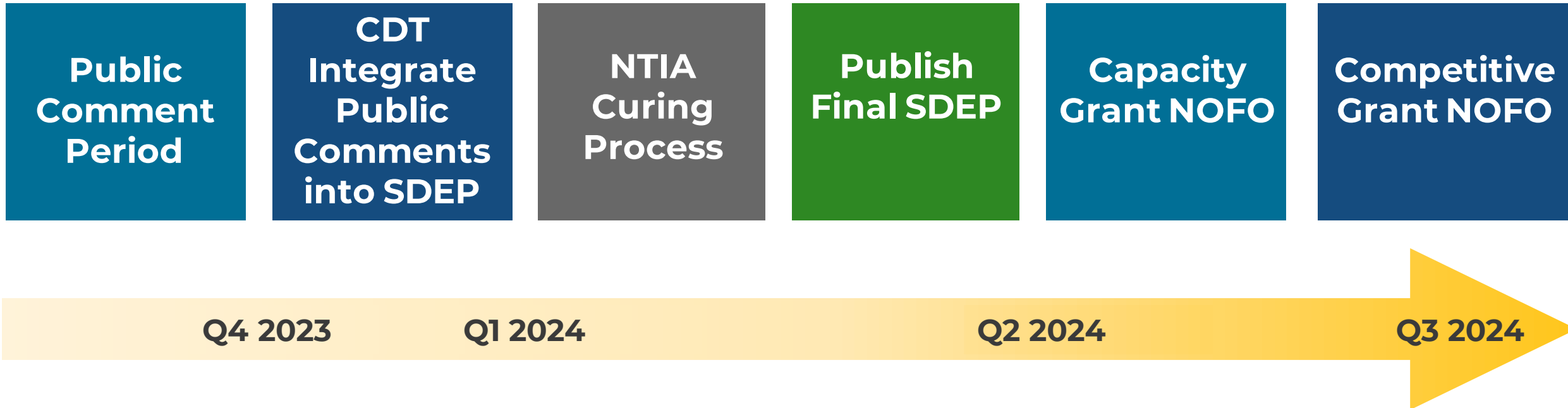
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TIMELINE





- Please use Zoom Hand Raise to be spotlighted and unmuted
- Please add your questions in the Q&A

THANK YOU!

Contact:

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