

Digital Equity Community of Practice Meeting

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Broadband for All



WELCOME

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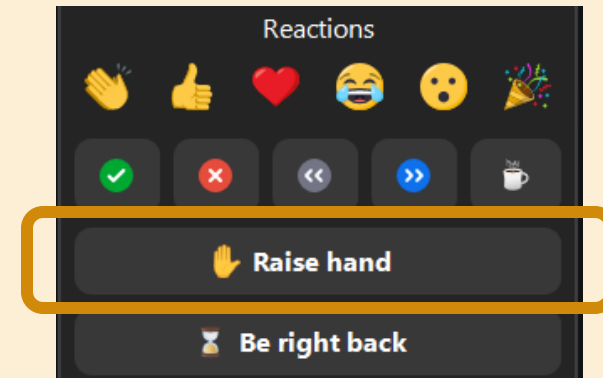
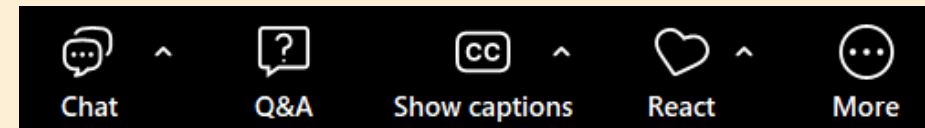
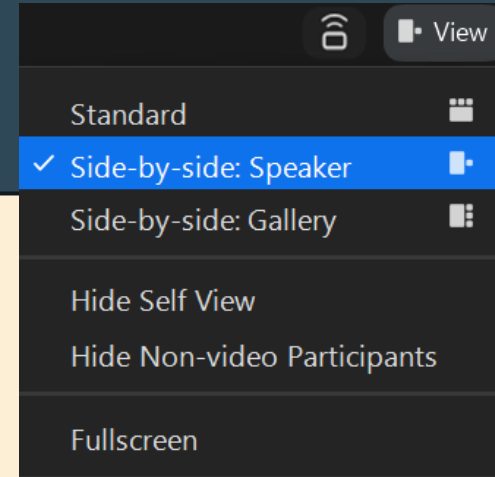
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Q&A Box Discussion after each agenda item. Please add your questions in the Q&A Box

Reactions Raise Hand feature or *9 if you calling into Zoom by phone

Meeting recording, minutes, transcript, and presentation slides will be available on Broadband for All Portal.





Agenda

Welcome

Digital Inclusion Partnerships

Digital Equity Data Refinement Panel

CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

Digital Equity Resource Finder Outreach

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Community Feedback & Future Meetings

Broadband for All Action Plan

GOAL 1:

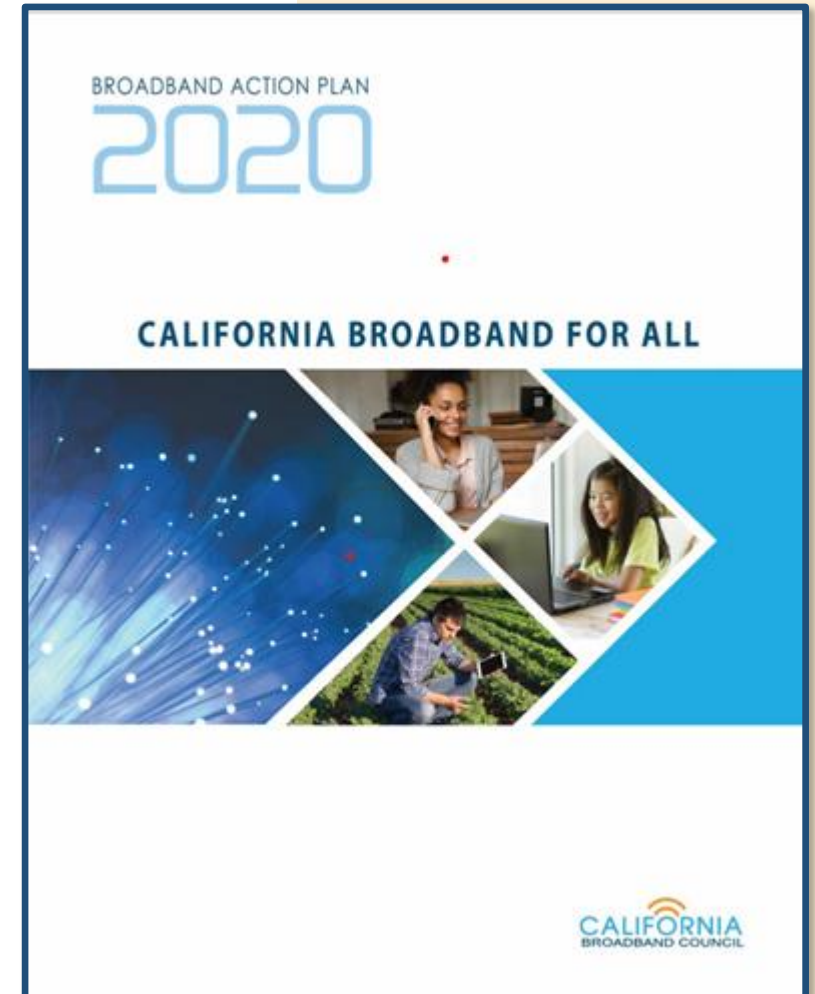
All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses.

GOAL 2:

All Californians have access to affordable broadband and necessary devices.

GOAL 3:

All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion.



Meeting Norms

- Only questions/comments on agenda items will be addressed.
- Chat will be monitored.
- Disruptive behaviors will not be tolerated.
- Individuals will be removed from the meeting.



DIGITAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIPS

James Spencer

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Digital Inclusion Partnerships (DIP)

Activity	Partnership
 Promote/Track Low-Cost Offers/Subsidies/Streamline Enrollment	• Enrollment Assistance • Affordable Offer Locator
 Digital Literacy Skills & Training Platform	• DigitalLearn Platform • NorthStar Platform • AI Training
 Digital Navigation (DN) Training & Services	• DE Capacity & DN Training • DN and DN Training • Virtual DN & Tech Support
 Devices & Statewide Device Ecosystem	• CA Green Tech Initiative • Devices
 Digital Equity Data Refinement	• DE Survey • K-12 TA Survey • DE Impact Aggregator
 Online Educational & Workforce Development Resources	• Tools, Resources & Referrals

DIGITAL EQUITY DATA REFINEMENT PANEL



Kat Zigmont

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

California Emerging Technology
Fund (CETF)



Patrick Messac

DIRECTOR

East Bay Broadband
Consortium



Aaron Schill

**DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH
AND PROGRAMS**

National Digital Inclusion
Alliance (NDIA)



Broadband for All

DE Data Refinement Panel

- CETF Digital Equity Survey
- East Bay Broadband Consortia K-12 Tech Assessment Survey
- NDIA Digital Equity Impact Aggregator

Questions

CALIFORNIA LIFELINE HOME BROADBAND PILOT PROGRAM



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California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)



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Broadband for All

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Pending Review: 2

- Connect To Communications
- Frontier/Verizon

Pending Onboarding and Systems Interface Testing : 4

- Cal Ore Telephone Co.
- City of Ontario
- Pinnacles Telephone Co.
- Ponderosa Telephone Co.

Enrolling Customers: 13

- Bright House Network
- Calaveras Telephone Co.
- Cal.Net, Inc.
- Charter Fiberlink
- Comcast Phone of California
- Ducor Telephone Company
- Foresthill Telephone Co.
- Kerman Telephone Co.
- Ranch WiFi
- Sierra Telephone Co.
- Siskiyou Telephone Co.
- Time Warner Cable
- Volcano Telephone Co.

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Broadband Pilot Subscriber County as of 06/22/2026

Service	New	Transfer	Reconnect	Total
Broadband Only (70%)	11,481	2,237	0	13,718
Bundled Only (30%)	4,489	1,484	2	5,975
TOTAL	15,970	3,721	2	19,693

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Resources:

1. One-page Broadband Pilot Flyer:

The one-page Broadband Pilot flyer was created for community-based organizations to distribute at events and increase awareness of the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot.

2. California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

The Home Broadband Pilot webpage offers information and resources in a single location on the California LifeLine website.

Exciting News for California Residents!

On **January 26, 2026**, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) launched a three-year California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot, helping make internet more affordable for eligible households across California. The Pilot offers a discount on home broadband with minimum speeds of 100/20 Mbps* and 1,280 GB of data per month.

What Discount Can I Receive?

Eligible households may choose **ONE** CA LifeLine Discount Option:

- Up to \$20/month for standalone broadband service;
- Up to \$30/month for bundled broadband; or
- Up to \$19/month toward CA LifeLine wireline or wireless phone service

Important: California LifeLine allows only one discounted service per eligible household. Households may choose either a Home Broadband Pilot discount or a traditional California LifeLine phone service discount, but not both.

GET STARTED IN 3 EASY STEPS:

STEP 1: Check if You Qualify- You may qualify if you participate in programs like Medicaid or SNAP, or meet California LifeLine income eligibility guidelines. Visit www.californialifeline.com for details.

STEP 2: Find a Provider- Visit californialifeline.com, click on Provider Search, and enter your ZIP Code to find available providers.

STEP 3: Contact a Service Provider- Call a provider in your area and tell them you are applying for the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot. They will help you enroll.



DON'T MISS OUT! AFFORDABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CAN HELP YOU STAY CONNECTED, ACCESS HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, OR WORK FROM HOME



californialifeline.com



1-877-858-7463



** Standalone broadband plan does not include voice service for making 911 calls. Customers may be de-enrolled from the program due to non-usage. Only one service is allowed per household, except for TTY users who may receive a discount on a second phone line. (GO 153-A). Wireless service may experience interruptions due to weather conditions, terrain, or gaps in service coverage. (D.12-12-038) Exemptions may be applied in locations where the 100/20 Mbps speed is not available. Some income-eligible, low-cost broadband plans may not meet the 100/20 Mbps.

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Resources:



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Public Utilities Commission

Search example: How can I reduce my bill?

SEARCH

[Home](#) › [Consumer Support](#) › [Financial Assistance](#) › [Program Information](#) › [Pilots and Government Partnerships](#) › [California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program](#)

California LifeLine Home Broadband Program

Program Overview

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has launched a three-year, technology-neutral Home Broadband Pilot to expand broadband access for low-income households in California. Eligible consumers may apply the California LifeLine subsidy to any internet plan that meets minimum service standards, including standalone or bundled broadband plans. The program seeks to close the digital divide and support telework, online education, telehealth, civic participation, and public safety.

The California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot provides:

- Up to \$20 subsidy for broadband service.
- Up to \$30 for broadband service bundled with a wireline or wireless voice service. Bundles must be offered by the same provider.
- Up to \$39 reimbursement for new connection charges, once per year per household.
- Minimum service standards of 100/20 Mbps with 1,280 GB of data usage per month, with exceptions for areas where this speed is not feasible or for low-cost plans.

Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria for this program are the same as those established for the California LifeLine Program, as outlined in [General Order \(GO\) 153-A](#), Section 5. For full details on eligibility requirements, please refer to the link below.

[California LifeLine Eligibility](#)

How to Participate

California LifeLine Service Providers, as well as Service Providers possessing a Commission-issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) or Wireless ID Registration (WIR), either directly or through an affiliate, may seek authorization to participate in the Pilot by filing a Tier 2 advice letter, as outlined in [Decision 25-08-050](#).

- [Advice Letter Information](#)

Service Providers who do not possess a CPCN or WIR must complete the application and registration processes to obtain certification.

- [Information for Telecommunications Applicants and Registrants in California](#)

Local agencies may participate in the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot by adhering to the procedures specified in [Resolution T-17903](#).

- [CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Registration Form for Local Agencies](#)

Additional information is available at the following:

- [California LifeLine Program](#)
- [Provider Search - California LifeLine](#)
- [CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Registration Form for Local Agencies](#)

For inquiries, direct questions to LifeLineBBPilot@cpuc.ca.gov

Available Service Providers by Region



Region	Service Providers
Region 1: Superior California	Cal Oze
	Cal.NET
	Comcast
	Ducor
	Foresthill
	Kerman
	Stakiyou
Region 2: North Coast	Spectrum
	Volcano
	Cal.NET
Region 3 - San Francisco Bay Area	Comcast
	Spectrum
	Cal.NET
Region 4: Northern San Joaquin Valley	Comcast
	Calaveras
	Ponderosa
	Comcast
	Sierra
	Spectrum
	Volcano
Region 5: Central Valley	Cal.NET
	Comcast
	Pinnacles
	Ranch WiFi
Region 6: Southern San Joaquin Valley	Spectrum
	Cal.NET
	Comcast
	Ducor
	Foresthill
Region 7: Inland Empire	Kerman
	Ponderosa
	Ranch WiFi
Region 8: Los Angeles County	Spectrum
	Comcast
Region 9: Orange County	Spectrum
	Cal.NET
Region 10: San Diego - Imperial	Comcast
	Spectrum

Questions



DIGITAL EQUITY RESOURCE FINDER SUMMER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

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Digital Equity Resource Finder

CA Official website of the State of California

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Digital Equity Resource FinderEnglish ▾

Welcome to the California Digital Equity Resource Finder – a tool designed to assist residents and organizations to find digital inclusion programs and services in their communities. The Resource Finder was updated in March 2026.

[Add a Resource](#)[Update a Resource](#)

I am...

☒ A Resident☐ An Organization

Location

Any county ▾

Service type

All services ▾

Service delivery

Either Virtual or In-Person ▾

Open Search

Search

View

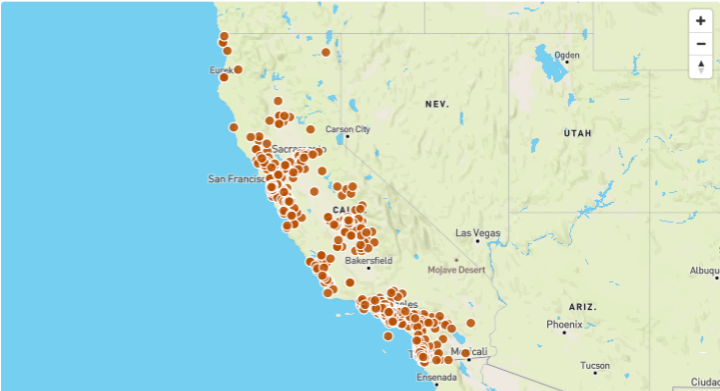
Map view

Table view

Showing 873 results serving All Counties

Sort results by

A-Z ▾



ABLE Community Development Foundation

1963 Carlson Blvd, Richmond, CA, 94804

<https://ablecommunitydf.org>

[Learn more](#)

[Zoom to this resource](#)

Acton & Agua Dulce Democratic Club

A square QR code with a black and white pixelated pattern, used for quick access to the Digital Equity Resource Finder website.

Outreach Toolkit



Digital Equity Resource Finder Outreach Toolkit

Related Pages

- [California Digital Equity Finder](#)
- [Add Your Organization](#)
- [Update a Resource](#)

On This Page

- [Overview](#)
- [Email and Newsletter Template](#)
- [Social Media](#)
- [Video Demo](#)
- [Contact](#)

Share with others Help connect every Californian to essential digital inclusion programs and services right in their communities! Below are some resources you can customize to spread the word.

Overview

The California [Digital Equity Resource Finder](#) is a tool designed by the California Department of Technology in collaboration with stakeholders which enables organizations and residents to find essential digital inclusion programs and services in their communities.

This Outreach Toolkit includes customizable outreach materials to allow your organization to promote the Resource Finder with your partners and residents in your community. Help spread the word!

Email and newsletter templates

Copy and paste the template below and send it to community members, partners, or anyone who might benefit from the Digital Equity Resource Finder.

Tips for using these templates:

- No technical knowledge required: this tool is free and easy to use.
- Feel free to personalize the opening line so it sounds like you.
- You can send this as an email or adapt it into a newsletter, message, or post.
- Access these templates in the language of your choice by translating this webpage using the Google Translation tool on the top right corner of this page.



Digital Equity Resource Finder Outreach Toolkit

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UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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CPUC CA Advanced Services Fund Programs

CASF Broadband Public Housing Account

Deadline: July 1, 2026

- *Eligible:* Public & farmworker housing, mobile home parks, MDUs, tribal housing
- *Funding:* Up to 100% of wiring & network equipment
- *Focus:* Build or connect networks offering free broadband service



CASF Broadband Adoption Account

Deadline: July 1, 2026

- *Eligible:* Local govt, senior centers, schools, libraries, nonprofits, CBOs
- *Funding:* \$100K–\$4M+ and 15% match
- *Focus:* Digital literacy & broadband access in community spaces, call centers



CASF Tribal Technical Assistance

Deadline: July 1, 2026

- *Eligible:* CA Tribes with or without federal recognition that demonstrate Tribal leadership and Tribal Consortia.
- *Focus:* To pursue improved voice and broadband communications needs (ie. Market & feasibility studies, business plans, grant writing, consulting, TTA tribal staff hours and admin costs).



Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

- **Deadline:** September 17, 2026 (by 11:59pm Eastern Time)
- **Eligible:** Tribal Government or Organization, College or University, Consortium applicants and prior entities that previously received TBCP grant funds.
- **Funding:** \$540M available for eligible applicants
 - Broadband Use and Adoption Projects \$500,000 to \$2,500,000
 - Broadband Infrastructure Deployment \$1,000,000 to \$25,000,000
- **Focus:** Deployment of internet infrastructure, affordability, telehealth & distance learning initiatives



Native Entities Grant Program

- **Deadline:** September 17, 2026 (by 11:59pm ET)
- **Eligible:** Tribe, Alaska Native entity, Hawaiian org, or consotium
- **Funding:** \$250M available; Grant ranges from \$500,000 and \$2,500,000
- **Match:** 10% of matching funds
- **Focus:** Broadband use and adoption activities, workforce development, technology upgrades



Congratulations to recent CPUC grantees

CASF Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia grantees:

- **Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast** (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties)
- **East Bay Broadband Consortium** (Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano counties)
- **E = mc² Silicon Valley Consortium** (San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties)
- **Gold Country Broadband Consortium** (El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, and Sierra counties)
- **Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium** (Inyo and Mono counties)
- **Los Angeles Digital Equity Action League-LA DEAL Consortium** (Los Angeles County)

Digital Divide Grant Program grantees:

- Human-I-T
- United We Lead Foundation
- Education and Leadership Foundation



Open AI Grant Program: People-First AI Fund

- **Deadline:** July 15, 2026 at 11:59pm PT
- **Eligible:** U.S. nonprofits engaging with AI to advance their missions and serving their communities
- **Funding:** \$50M commitment
- **Focus:** AI adoption from exploration to active deployment for mission-driven nonprofits including community support services and local, co-created AI initiatives.



Anthropic Grant Program: Claude Corps

- **Deadline:** July 17, 2026 (first cohort)
- **Eligible:** 1,000 fellows over 18+ years under 2 years of work experience, no degree requirement, authorized to work in the U.S.
- **Funding:** \$150M initiative to train and deploy 1,000 young workers into 400 nonprofits across the U.S. (Fellows will get paid \$85K annually)
- **Focus:** The goal is to equip nonprofits with AI tools and systems while giving fellows hands-on AI skills that will benefit their careers.



Questions



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK & FUTURE MEETINGS

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Community Feedback - Topics

What DE topics would you like to see featured in future meetings?

- ✓ ACP replacement updates
- ✓ Affordability
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence
- ✓ CA Home Broadband Pilot Program
- ✓ Data Protection and Privacy
- ✓ Digital Equity Data
- ✓ Funding & Grants Opportunities
- ✓ Large device ownership
- ✓ Leveraging AI for equity
- ✓ Library Digital Inclusions Services
- ✓ Tech Accessibility for individuals with disabilities
- Access to devices
- AI use for Digital Navigators for older adults
- Analytics assessing outcomes
- Connecting students to tech hardware, software and resources
- Cybersecurity training for the public
- Digital skills training
- Digital Communication Landscape
- Digital Equity for Stroke Survivors & Caregivers
- Digital literacy in media
- Donations of laptops
- Education program for digital financial literacy
- Environmental justice telecommunication issues
- Increased data sharing
- New technologies
- Spanish language and rural access
- Technology and ethics

Community Feedback – Future Speakers

What speakers would you like to hear from in future meetings?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Andrew Broderick (SF Tech Council)✓ Academics✓ California Public Utilities Commission✓ Librarians✓ NDIA✓ Sunne McPeak, CETF✓ Vera Zakem, CA Dept. of Technology | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Access and technology thought leaders○ Adult Educators (i.e. OTAN)○ Benton Institute○ Brian Rathbone○ County Public Benefit Experts (re. HR1)○ Department of General Services○ Device Refurbishment Companies○ Dr. Jamshid Damooei○ Education Superhighway○ Kevin Harbour, BizFed Institute○ Federal Communications Commission○ Governor Gavin Newsom○ LaVada English○ Latina women experts in tech○ Philanthropy or practitioners○ Stacey Abrams○ Tim Downs, Next Level.Net○ Tribal connectivity leads○ Women in Tech○ Workforce development and job training organizations |
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Community Feedback - Improvements

How can we improve these Community of Practice meetings?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Closed-Captioning✓ Continue bringing in Subject Matter Experts✓ Continuing sharing resources that would be helpful for impacted communities✓ Longer Q & A session✓ Notifications of recordings emailed afterwards✓ Offer taped zooms for all to see✓ Outreach materials✓ Post transcript post-meeting✓ Provide more grants info✓ Sending out reminders✓ Share the agenda in advance✓ Updates and/or resources that we can provide to our county partners, CBOs, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Include bilingual presentations and materials○ Interactive tools (i.e. Polls, Menti, etc.)○ More case studies from rural inland regions○ Speak more slowly so that the captions are more accurate |
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Future Meeting Dates

Upcoming Community of Practice Meetings*

(Thursdays 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM)

- Thursday, July 30
- Thursday, August 27
- Thursday, September 24
- Thursday, October 29
- Thursday, November 19
- Thursday, December 17

*Subject to Change



THANK YOU & QUESTIONS

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