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ALAMEDA COUNTY ANNOUNCES 14th LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
An exciting opportunity for locals to learn about County government

Alameda County is accepting applications for its 14th Leadership Academy. This free, six-session interactive forum is for adults who live, work, or own a business in Alameda County. Through presentations from top County leaders and small group exercises, the Leadership Academy provides an excellent opportunity for the community to increase their knowledge of local government. Participants learn about the wide range of services provided by Alameda County, the mission and strategic visioning initiative, and the budget development process. Participants are able to practice leadership and communication skills such as public speaking and participate in public policy exercises while acquiring knowledge on how to increase their civic involvement and networking with other community members. This is also a great opportunity for County officials to hear from residents.

The Academy begins October 1, 2014 and continues through March 4, 2015. Sessions are held the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at facilities located throughout the County. To graduate from the Academy, participants are required to attend at least five of the six sessions.

Space is limited. Interested applicants can obtain additional information and complete an online application at www.acgov.org/adultleadership. The application deadline is **September 12, 2014**. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis and in an effort to have countywide representation, we may consider geographic location.