

West Side Voices: Food & Forum

Voting CHEAT SHEET

Voting through CONSENSUS: Fist to Five



No way!
I'll block this.

I see MAJOR
issues we need
to resolve.

I see MINOR
issues we need
to resolve now.

I see minor
issues we can
resolve later.

I'm fine with
this as it is.

I love this!
I will champion it.

Lack of Consensus

Consensus

When do we vote?

- Voting can happen when a voting member asks for vote to be made [see back side for ways of doing this]
- If you want consensus to be made.... say that out loud!
- The person chairing the meeting then moves the group through the process of voting
- The vote is on done on what is proposed and then discussion can happen if there is no consensus.

Who can vote?

- Under WSCO bylaws Voting members are community members who have attended 3 consecutive West Side Voices gatherings
- WSCO Board members are automatically voting members
- Wondering if you're a voting member? Ask one of the chairs of the gathering, or WSCO staff.

Ways you can ask for a decision to be made by the group...

- "They are asking for a letter of support, I think we should give them one - let's vote on _____!"
- "I think we need to reach consensus on a decision - let's vote on _____!"
- "Are you ready for a vote? We should take a stance on _____."
- "I propose we vote to _____"
- We should take a stance on _____. Let's take a vote."

There are a lot of ways to suggest that a decision needs to be made by the collective. If you're thinking it, say it out loud!