Voting through CONSENSUS: Fist to Five

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!