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## **ODESSA CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT ANNOUNCES CIVIC PARTICIPATION TRAINING**

**Odessa, TX**— The Odessa Civic Engagement Project is answering the President's call for an increase in civic participation in our communities and we are showing our support for the Community Solutions Agenda. The agenda is about getting involved in all aspects of our communities. It's about educating citizens to be part of the solutions.

"It is no secret that there is a strong need for civic participation in our community," says Art Leal the project coordinator. The Odessa Civic Engagement Project has created a Civic Participation curriculum for all citizens to participate in free to anyone who cares about Odessa. "We are encouraging leaders of local and county government to participate as trainers of select sessions of the training program," said Leal.

The target date will fall within the month of September 2009 to coincide with National Citizenship Day and Constitution Day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. U. S. Code Title 36, Subtitle I, Part A, Chapter 1, §106, ¶ (d) calls for the "complete instruction of citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the State and locality in which they reside."

Currently, the Odessa Civic Engagement Project is taking reservations for those wishing to attend the program. Participation is free. Please send your name, address, and phone number to [ocep@unavozunida.org](mailto:ocep@unavozunida.org) or call (432)349-1280.

For more information, visit [www.unavozunida.org](http://www.unavozunida.org).

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