

AN ACTION CHART FOR INDIVIDUALS

1. **Volunteer to help an advocacy group (e.g., stamp envelopes or whatever – everyone can do something!)**
2. **Show up at important meetings (you don't have to say anything – just be there)**
3. **Respond to "action alerts" – pass action alerts on to others**
4. **Attend meetings where the issue is being discussed – give your opinion**
5. **Participate in the planning process – give your input**
6. **Express your opinion about the issue (make phone calls, write letters, send e-mail, or FAX)**
7. **Provide public testimony (verbally or written)**
8. **Educate elected officials (e.g., go to the Capitol, city council, board of supervisors, etc.)**
9. **Gather more information – check the facts & figures – do research – document the issue (How many will be affected? How severely? Etc.)**
10. **Review and analyze proposals – give your opinion**
11. **Request justification (ask supporters, "WHY do you think this is a good proposal?")**
12. **Watchdog the decision-making process**
13. **Personally criticize unfavorable proposals**
14. **Write letters to the editor of the local paper**
(or statewide / national if appropriate)
15. **Seek enforcement of existing laws and policies – file a complaint – initiate legal action – file a grievance – seek a mediator or negotiator**
16. **Introduce yourself to policymakers & "key-players"**
17. **Join a protest march – participate in a boycott**
18. **Get appointed or elected to the board or commission that makes the decisions**
19. **Call or write to say thank-you when things go well (or say thank-you in person)**