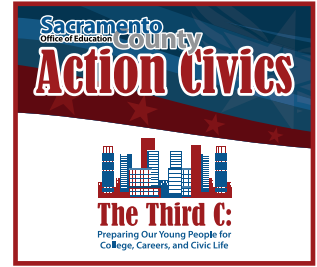Action Civics Professional Development
March 12. 2016
McGeorge School of Law
8:45am – 3:30pm

8:30   **Sign in and Networking**

8:45   **Welcome, logistics, materials**

9:00   **Forums, Speakers, and other Events: Examples from your colleagues**
Just how do you organize a forum or bring speakers to your site? And what about larger events? This panel will present several examples of how this can be done, including simple tips and steps to follow.

10:00   **AM Break**

10:15   **The FAIR Act: What you need to know**
During this segment of the session, you will learn more about the FAIR act, and what schools should be doing to make sure they are in compliance.

10:45   **Action Civics Showcase: Everything you wanted to know**
The Showcase is right around the corner! What should the projects look like? How many tables do we get? Will there be food? You'll find out all you need to know to make sure our 2016 Showcase is a success.

11:15   **Maintaining student engagement throughout a project**
Many of you have noted that, while student engagement is high during the initial phases of a project, some students lose momentum in the face of setbacks or when dealing with the larger, real-world bureaucracy. During this session, you and your team will look at motivation and engagement from different perspectives, and identify 'take aways' that you can use with your students.

12:00   **LUNCH**

12:30   **Gapminder, part 2:** Following up on his session at our November meeting, Toby Spencer will field any questions and hear from colleagues who have used Gapminder.org in their classrooms.

1:00   **Power of Democracy:** Affecting policy to support civic engagement practice
During this session, you will hear about the policy efforts of the local Power of Democracy Workgroup, including school board resolutions passed in support of civic education. You will also have the opportunity to speak with our local workgroup about what resources or support would be most necessary to ensure that Action Civics remains a high priority in our schools.

2:00   **PM Break**

2:15   **Team Time**

3:15   **Wrap up, reflection, release**