



Item #16-4-5 Information

Innovation Task Force

April 14, 2016

Hack4Sacramento County Challenge

Issue: Sacramento County's Department of Technology developed a six-week competitive application development challenge titled Hack 4 Sacramento County.

Discussion: Sacramento County's Department of Technology developed the Hack 4 Sacramento County challenge in partnership with Code for Sacramento, our local Code for America brigade, and e-Republic. From an investment of \$20,000 in prize and support money plus department staff time, the Department of Technology expects to receive eight new applications and introduce a new style of software development to their department staff. Sacramento County's Chief Information Officer, Rami Zakaria, will describe how this challenge is benefitting several county departments.

The Hack 4 Sacramento County challenge asked teams to bring together developers, analysts, writers, designers, managers, and innovators to compete for \$10,000 in prize money. At the March 1 kick-off event, 180 members of the public listened to an overview of the challenge and heard pitches from the following departments on how a new application could help improve their visibility with public or streamline their work.

Participating Departments

Department of Human Assistance
Department of Health and Human Services
District Attorney's Office
First 5 Sacramento Commission
County Executive Office

Clerk of the Board
Department of Voter Registration and
Elections - Courtney Bailey
Department of Technology

Mr. Zakaria will be awarding the top three application prizes on April 12 and will describe the selection process used for the challenge. More information can be found at <http://hack4sac.sacounty.net>.

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