

on the table®



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - For Hosts

What's involved in hosting an On The Table discussion?

Anyone can be a host. The responsibilities of a host include selecting a location for a group of people to meet over food on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, inviting participants, leading the conversation and following up with participants afterwards. You can have your breakfast, lunch, dinner or coffee wherever you want and serve whatever you like. You can order in, serve a home-cooked meal or make it a potluck or a picnic. To prepare for the event, SVCF will provide prior to the conversations a host guide with a set of recommendations from 2017 for participants to analyze and provide feedback during the conversation.

How do I get started to become a host?

Visit siliconvalleycf.org/onthetable to register to be a host.

Who do I invite?

The invitation list is up to you. You can start with people you know – friends, family, colleagues and neighbors. But we encourage you to mix it up a bit and expand your circles – perhaps by asking friends or colleagues to bring someone you do not already know. You could also partner with a local nonprofit or church, for example, or co-host with someone who invites new people from his or her own networks. So that everyone gets a chance to be heard, the ideal size for these conversations is a table of not more than 10 people. Those who wish to host larger gatherings should consider breaking people into smaller groups.

What should an On The Table gathering look like?

Be creative! You'll be inviting friends over for a conversation. That could mean a potluck in your dining room, a picnic in a park, a gathering at a neighborhood restaurant or coffee house or in a corporate conference room – any of these, and more, are possibilities.

What is expected of me during my On The Table gathering?

We encourage all participants, including hosts, to share insights, photos and videos on social media throughout the day, using **#onthetableSV**. We look forward to hearing about the stories and ideas discussed at your gathering.

What is expected of me after my On The Table gathering?

SVCF is working with Hart Research Associates and Public Opinion Strategies to develop a survey that we'll send participants after On The Table. In addition to taking the survey yourself, please encourage your guests to do so. SVCF will use insights collected by the survey to compile a report our community's civic engagement experience. Upon availability, we will follow up with all registered On The Table participants and hosts with a link and access to the report.