

### Fluoridation Wins & Losses:

# Lessons Learned from the Pew Children's Dental Campaign

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### **Pew-facilitated CWF campaigns**

State, City or Institution	Year of Decision	Final Action	People Affected	Did CWF Prevail?
Arkansas	2011	Legislative	640,000	Yes
San Jose, CA	2011	Water Board	285,000	Yes
Wichita, KS	2012	Referendum	450,000	No
Dept. of Defense	2013	Directive	125,000	Yes
Portland, OR	2013	Referendum*	900,000	No

<sup>\*</sup> The Portland City Council voted 5-0 to approve a fluoridation policy in 2012. Following that vote, a petition campaign succeeded in placing the measure on the ballot in the spring of 2013.)



## **LESSON:** Choose the right champions to lead your advocacy for fluoridation.







LESSON: A CWF campaign shouldn't just "happen." It should be driven by a plan that identifies specific strategies and activities.



### LESSON: Don't underestimate their passion.





**LESSON:** If your proposal could be referred to voters, don't proceed without **60**% public support.









### **LESSON:**

We must do a better job of reaching Generation Text.





# Questions or Comments?

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