



NATIONAL
**CITIZEN
LEADERSHIP**
CONFERENCE



SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 2, 2016
WASHINGTON, D.C.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



“ EVERY GENERATION OF AMERICANS HAS AMENDED THE CONSTITUTION TO OVERTURN THE COURT AND RENEW THE AMERICAN PROMISE. NOW IT'S OUR TURN.

~ JEFF CLEMENTS, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN PROMISE

American Promise wishes to acknowledge the generosity, civility, and patriotism of each of you who has made the first National Citizen Leadership Conference a reality.

For nourishing body and spirit during the conference, thanks to:

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Zing Bars	Donna the Buffalo
Ben Cohen and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream	Go, Granny D!
Walrus NYC	Pay 2 Play

September 30, 2016



On behalf of American Promise, welcome to the National Citizen Leadership Conference - the first national gathering since the 2010 Citizens United v. FEC ruling where Americans of all political viewpoints are encouraged to participate fully with other citizen leaders from 40 states, 60 speakers and thoughtful leaders from an array of professional arenas, and dozens of active citizen groups.

Together We Win is our conference theme, our strategy, and our mission in hosting the conference to prepare for the 28th Amendment. An amendment is a bold action handed up by the people and demands that we deliberate on our strategic approach, expand our capacities to engage and inspire others in our communities, and collect the tools we need to be most effective in our shared work.

Together we will grapple with what an amendment should DO. Together we will learn how to reach people and groups who may be different from us - be it by age, culture, politics, faith traditions, to name a few. Together we will recognize the good works of individuals and elected officials in the movement. Together we will deliberate, share lessons learned, create relationships and prepare our calls to action to win the 28th Amendment. And together we will celebrate, inspire and support human connection by sharing musical performances, crowd-sourced art, great meals, films & discussion, live theatre, ice cream and fresh air and physical fitness.

In this time of Constitutional crisis, with over 80% of Americans in agreement, the Conference will prepare us to talk to one another, listen to one another, and return to our communities equipped to do likewise.

Thank you for being part of this historic cause and for investing yourself in the first annual National Citizen Leadership Conference.



Together we win,

Jeff Clements

President, American Promise





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■ General Information

Registration Hours



The registration/information desk, in the Registration Foyer outside Ballroom North, will be open from Friday 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; Sunday 7:00 a.m. - Noon.

Networking & Information



Our networking breaks will take place in the Registration Foyer, outside the Ballroom. Space is limited for additional information and materials. To be fair to everyone, please inquire at the Registration/Information for permission to leave materials for display.

Question, Suggestion & Comment Cards



In your welcome kit you will find an envelope of cards we encourage you to use throughout the conference. Please write your ideas, suggestions, and questions and hand cards to volunteers or place comments in purple Comment boxes in Ballroom Foyer and throughout the Conference.

Conference Store



Open at 2:00 p.m. Friday and throughout the conference in Meeting Room 15. The Conference Store features a selection of titles and official American Promise merchandise including T-shirts, sweatshirts, baseball caps, decals, bumper stickers and a customized American Promise stamp from Stamp Stamped.

Book-signing: Saturday, 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

CA WA Caucus Room



During the Conference, representatives from the California and Washington ballot initiatives will gather in Meeting Room 7. Drop by and lend your support and make a contribution!

Citizen Café



The Citizen Café will be a journey of discovery and common purpose as we examine ways we can all work together and co-create best practices to move forward toward ratification of the 28th Amendment. The process engages participants in thoughtful collaboration, and applies the principles of the “World Café” method of hosting large group dialog, lowers barriers to progress, and celebrates the discovery of common goals.

The Art of Collaboration: Painting Our Nation



Imagine the country as a collection of colors, and shapes and regional topography over millions of years, with the recent presence of human pathways across farmland, mountains, lakes, rivers, and coastlines. The easel and art station are fully supplied and staffed to help you paint this visual anthem to the United States. This original work is quite literally the art of collaboration - of, by, and for all. Stop in any time to leave your mark on the nation.



Schedule Summary

Friday, September 30

Together We Win	4:00 – 6:30
The Constitutional Crisis, The 28th Amendment, What Citizens Need to Know panels and Call To Service Congressional and Citizen Leadership Awards	
Welcome Reception & Light Dinner	6:30 – 8:00
Double feature movies and Go, Granny D! live	8:00 – 10:00

Saturday, October 1

Continental Breakfast	7:30 – 8:30
Our Historic Challenge & Opportunity	8:30 – 10:40
Networking	10:40 – 11:00
Morning Breakout Sessions – Meeting Room Level	11:00 – 12:00
Lunch with Bill Moyers	12:15 – 1:30
Book Signing	1:30 – 2:00
Afternoon Breakout Sessions – Meeting Room Level	2:00 – 3:00
CA and WA caucus rooms	3:00–3:30
Citizen Café	3:30 – 5:15
Networking	5:15 – 6:30
Dinner with Nina Turner	6:30 – 8:15
Dessert with Ben Cohen scooping Ben & Jerry's ice cream	8:15 – 10:00
Dancing with Donna the Buffalo band	

Sunday, October 2

Fitness Options	7:00 – 8:00
Continental Breakfast	8:00 – 9:30
Faith Morality and the 28th Amendment	9:30 – 10:15
Citizen Leadership Awards	10:15– 10:20
Together We Win panel	10:20– 11:00
Next Steps for Citizen Leaders	11:00 – 11:30



■ Friday, September 30

2:00-8:00 **Registration/Check In**

Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk

2:00-3:30 **Pre-conference Receptions & Caucuses**

Meeting Room Level

4:00-6:30 **Together We Win**

Ballroom Grand North

National Anthem Children's Chorus of Washington DC

Welcome **Jeff Clements**, President, American Promise

4:15-5:00 **The Constitutional Crisis & the 28th Amendment**

Ballroom Grand North

Caroline Fredrickson, President, American Constitution Society, State Senator **Jamie Raskin** (D-Maryland), Rep. **James Leach** (R-Iowa) 1977-2007, Justice (ret.) **James Nelson**, Montana Supreme Court

Why do we to take on the challenge of a Constitutional amendment? Because we must. Constitutional scholars, a lifelong Republican from Iowa, a leading progressive, a state Supreme Court justice discuss our current struggle between two incompatible forms of government — oligarchy and democracy — and how we can ensure that democracy wins.

5:00-5:30 **Citizen Leadership Awards**

Ballroom Grand North

Presenter: **Michele Sutter**, Co-founder, Money Out Voters In (MOVI)

Constitutional amendments are handed UP by the people, and we're on our way, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of many. Here we recognize and share some of our victories and heroes with Citizen Leadership Awards.



5:30

Congressional Leadership Awards

Ballroom Grand North

Rep. Donna Edwards (D-Maryland), **Rep. James Leach** (R-Iowa) 1977-2007, **Rep. Jim McGovern** (D-Massachusetts), **Rep. Walter Jones** (R-North Carolina)

Winning a Constitutional amendment takes vision, leadership and cross-partisan collaboration. These winners of our 2016 Congressional Leadership Awards model these attributes, and put the country and fair representation of the people they serve first.

5:40-6:10

What Citizen Leaders Need To Know About Congress

Ballroom Grand North

Marge Baker, Executive Vice President, People for the American Way, **Rep. Donna Edwards** (D-Maryland), **Rep. Walter Jones** (R-North Carolina), **Rep. James Leach** (R-Iowa) 1977-2007, **Rep. Jim McGovern** (D-Massachusetts)

We know Constitutional amendments are big lifts but 27 of them have achieved 2/3 support in Congress and gone on to ratification in the states. So how do we achieve that level of support in Congress now? What do our leaders need to hear from us? How do we navigate through Congress, and what should we know about Congress now that might effect our strategic and tactical thinking?

6:10-6:30

Call to Service

Ballroom Grand North

Joe Goodwin, US Army Veteran (Afghanistan, Iraq), Executive Director, National Service Now

Whether it was answering the call to serve after 9/11, working to ensure legal services for veterans, inspiring young Americans to find pathways to serve at home and abroad, Joe Goodwin has always reflected the best of our tradition of American citizen service and responsibility. Hear Joe's inspiring story and join his call to action.

6:30-8:00

Grand Central

Welcome Reception & Light Dinner

Cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and food stations

8:00-10:00

Meeting Rooms

Entertainment Breakouts

Pay 2 Play Film (1.5hrs)

Meeting Room 9

Join executive producer and 28th Amendment leader Holly Mosher to watch and discuss PAY 2 PLAY: Democracy's High Stakes. This is an entertaining documentary about the corrupting influence of money in politics featuring Robert Reich, Lawrence Lessig, Marianne Williamson, Noam Chomsky, Van Jones and more.



Iron Jawed Angels Film (2hrs)

Meeting Room 10 / 11

Think earlier Amendments were easy? Watch Iron Jawed Angels and think again. The film stars Hilary Swank as Alice Paul, Frances O'Connor as Lucy Burns, Julia Ormond as Inez Milholland, and Anjelica Huston as Carrie Chapman Catt, as citizen leaders fighting for the 19th Amendment and equal votes for women. The film received critical acclaim after it premiered at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival.



Go, Granny D! Live Theatre (45min)

Meeting Room 12 / 13 / 14

LIVE! At age 90 Doris "Granny D" Haddock blazed a 3200-mile trail across the U.S. for campaign finance reform, leading to the passage of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act. When the Supreme Court in Citizens United v. FEC struck down the law, Granny D was 100, and said "we'd better get walking again!" Off-Broadway actress Barbara Bates Smith and musician Jeff Sebens highlight the story of this crusader whose steel determination inspired Americans everywhere.





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■ Saturday, October 1

All Day

Registration

Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk

All Day

The Art of Collaboration: American Portrait

Registration Foyer - Ballroom Level

Nancy Heselton & friends, Fine Artists, You!

7:30 - 8:30

Continental Breakfast

Ballroom Grand North/Central

8:30-10:40

Our Historic Challenge & Opportunity

Ballroom Grand North/Central

Jeff Clements, President, American Promise

Oligarchy v. Democracy: Why We Need a Constitutional Amendment Now

Ballroom Grand North/Central



Keynote: **Rep. James Leach** (R-Iowa) 1977-2007

"Citizens United has genetically altered our democratic DNA, pushing American politics in an oligarchic, corporatist direction. The Constitution begins 'We the people' not 'We the corporations.' This message is as daring and admirable as its messenger. James Leach served the people of Iowa as a Republican in the House of Representatives for more than three decades, fighting for campaign reform, a fair economy and more. Mr. Leach now serves on the American Promise Advisory Council.

Equal Citizens: The 28th Amendment, Money & Free Speech

Ballroom Grand North/Central

Adam Lioz, Counsel & Senior Advisor Policy & Outreach, Demos,
Timothy K. Kuhner, Assoc. Professor of Law, Georgia State University,
John Bonifaz, President, Free Speech For People, **Wendy Fields**, Executive Director, Democracy Initiative, **Trellis Stepter**, Program Director, Mertz Gilmore Foundation

"Money is not speech." We know what we're against but what are we FOR? This panel unpacks how the 28th Amendment can secure the fundamental Constitutional principle that we are all equal citizens regardless of wealth, and we are entitled to participate in self-government on a level playing field.

We the Humans: The Constitution & Corporations
Ballroom Grand North/Central

Elizabeth Wydra, President, Constitutional Accountability Center, **John Coates**, Professor, Law and Economics, Harvard University, **Tamara Piety**, Author & Professor, University of Tulsa, **Dan Greenwood**, Professor of Law, Hofstra University, **Michele Sutter**, Co-founder, Money Out Voters In (MOVI)

"Corporations Are Not People." We know what we're against but what are we FOR? Democracy and Constitutional rights are grounded in our shared humanity. Here leading scholars and citizen leaders explore how we secure that principle of human liberty, while continuing to have corporations engaged in useful economic activity.

What Should The 28th Amendment Do?
Ballroom Grand North/Central

Jamie Raskin, State Senator, Maryland, Professor of Law, American University, Congressional candidate, **Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap**, National Director, Move to Amend, **Ben Cohen**, Stamp Stampede; Co- Founder, Ben & Jerry's, **Rob Weissman**, President, Public Citizen, **Greg Moore**, Board Member, Free Speech for People

This session will offer five perspectives on what the 28th Amendment should seek to achieve. Should the Amendment empower the people to secure political equality and election/government integrity by enacting limits on political contributions and spending, and to prevent election spending by unions and corporations? Should the Amendment also clarify that corporations do not have the Constitutional rights of people? Should the Amendment go further, and require public funded elections or other reforms? What about voting rights? What is the line between permanent Constitutional law and good policy that, unlike amendments, may change over time? How should weigh the relative likelihood of a successful ratification path for different approaches? Should we consider not only a 28th but a 29th amendment?



10:40-11:00 Networking Break

CA WA Caucus Rooms 7 & 15

11:00-12:00 Morning Breakout Sessions

Meeting Room Level

What Should the 28th Amendment Do? (Part 1)

Meeting Room 9

Marge Baker, Executive Vice President, People for the American Way, **Ben Clements**, Legal Committee, Free Speech For People; **Craig Clevidence**, Renew Democracy; **Johannes Epke**, Move To Amend, **Jim Pullaro**, It's Time For A Revolution, **Robert Weissman**, Public Citizen

Facilitated Citizen Roundtable deliberation concerning the objectives of the 28th Amendment, different versions now offered in Congress, and pros and cons of different approaches.

Getting Ready to Ratify in the States

Meeting Room 10

Jeff Clements, President, American Promise, **Olivia Zink**, Executive Director, Open Democracy/NH Rebellion, **Pam Wilmot**, Executive Director, Common Cause Massachusetts, **Dan Smith**, USPIRG, **Derek Cressman**, Author, When Money Talks

Getting ready to ratify the Amendment in our communities and states does two things: (1) we drive support in Congress; (2) we are prepared for a big fight for ratification in at least 38 states. How can you make your state and your community ready to ratify? If our legislatures had a chance to vote on this, are they ready? How many people in town are informed and supportive? Where do your local, state and federal leaders stand? What can we do to move those people and numbers toward ratification?

Breaking Boundaries: Reaching Everyone in Your Community

Meeting Room 11

Michael Ostrolenk, National Director, Liberty Coalition, **Matt Patsky**, CEO Trillium Asset Management, **Judy Wicks**, Entrepreneur & Author, **John Pudner**, Executive Director, Take Back Our Republic, **Wendy Fields**, Executive Director, Democracy Initiative

People are equal but we celebrate our differences, too. This roundtable will help us break out of self-defined boundaries and work with people who

are not the same as we are. We'll explore how to inform and engage everyone in our communities who need to know the stakes in order to help win the amendment. How do we reach out most effectively? With 80+% support for the 28th Amendment across the political spectrum, we will consider why and how to communicate across various viewpoints, perspectives and life experience.

Best Practices: Organizing in Your Community

Meeting Room 12

Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, National Director, Move to Amend, **Aquene Freechild**, Co-Director, Public Citizen/Democracy Is For People Campaign, **Ben Gubits**, Associate Director-Citizen Engagement, American Promise, **Cheryl Crawford**, MassVOTE, **Donnel Baird**, Founder, BlocPower

From the transactional to the transformational, we have proven practices and successful strategies to recruit, engage, and support effective leadership of volunteers in service to the nation through work on the 28th amendment. Let's share best practices, teach each other, and spread the best work!

Getting Your Message Out: Empowering Citizen Leaders with Effective Communication Skills

Meeting Room 13

Martha Stone, Communications Director, American Promise, **Ed Erikson**, President, Erikson Communications Group, **Tyler Creighton**, Senior Media Associate, Money in Politics/Fair Courts Collaborative, ReThink Media, **Bri Holmes**, Digital Media Strategist, Free Speech for People, **Charlie Stuart**, Journalist & Award-winning Documentary Film Maker

Social media, op-eds, talking over the fence with neighbors, sidebars at town meetings. How do we do it? How do we think beyond our mental walls to engage each other on common ground across different media? Understanding the deeply personal motivations for the 28th amendment will help us speak to a variety of people who make up the 80% that favor the 28th Amendment. Our ability to look deeper into the meta messages at play will help us deliver communications that will inspire action across political lines.



Information Please: Finding & Using Just What You Need

Meeting Room 14

Jen Herrick, People for the American Way, **Sheila Krumholz**, Executive Director, Center for Responsive Politics, **Edwin Bender**, Exec. Dir., Nat'l Institute on Money in State Politics, **Lisa Graves**, Executive Director, Center for Media and Democracy, **Brian Muldoon**, Digital Services, American Promise

In a data driven world, we can be more effective in amplifying our voices by accessing data that is readily available. Data about our progress. Data about our elected officials. Data about legislation in process. Data is available to use and distribute effectively. A panel of thought leaders will point to the most useful information to make our work more efficient. The tools are widely available if we know where to look.

12:15-1:30

Lunch with Bill Moyers

Ballroom Grand North/Central

1:00-1:30

Keynote: Bill Moyers, Award Winning Journalist

Ballroom Grand North/Central



Bill Moyers' voice has resonated across generations for over forty years. A founding organizer of the Peace Corps, Mr. Moyers served as press secretary to President Lyndon B. Johnson, and is a bestselling author. He has received more than thirty Emmys, two Alfred I. Dupont-Columbia University Awards, nine Peabodys, and three George Polk Awards. Along with several career achievement awards, he received the National Humanities Medal "for outstanding contributions to American cultural life," the PEN USA Courageous Advocacy Award for his passionate, outspoken commitment to freedom of speech and his dedication to journalistic integrity. Moyers has been called, "one of the few broadcast journalists who might be said to approach the stature of Edward R. Murrow."

1:30-2:00

Networking & Book Signing

Meeting Room 15

Please join us outside our Conference Store Meeting Room 15 to purchase and get your books signed by authors!

2:00-3:00

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Meeting Room Level

Citizen Roundtable: What Should the 28th Amendment DO? (Part 2)

Meeting Room 9

Marge Baker, Exec. VP, People for the American Way, **Ben Clements**, Legal Committee, Free Speech For People; **Craig Clevidence**, Renew Democracy; **Johannes Epke**, Move To Amend, **Jim Pullaro**, It's Time For A Revolution, **Robert Weissman**, Public Citizen

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How the 28th Amendment Supports/Drives Other Reforms

Meeting Room 10

John Bonifaz, President, Free Speech For People, **Andrew Bossie**, Executive Director, Maine Citizens for Clean Elections, **Hedrick Smith**, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist & author, **Cheryl Crawford**, MassVOTE

The 28th Amendment will be the foundation for democracy to enable and support many other critical reforms. But that synergistic effect can begin now, even as we work toward passage of the Amendment. Citizen funding for elections? Gerrymandering? Term limits? This is the opportunity to explore how our Amendment work intersects, supports and benefits from other reform efforts.

Article V Issues & Strategies: Getting the 28th Amendment Out to the States for Ratification

Meeting Room 11

Jeff Clements, President, American Promise, **Doug Miller**, Get Money Out Maryland, **Alison Hartson** Co-National Director Wolf-Pac, **Karen Hobart Flynn**, President, Common Cause, **Arn Pearson**, General Counsel an Policy Advisor, Center For Media & Democracy

This panel explores pros and cons of including a call for an amendment Convention in your strategy. Article V of the Constitution provides the mechanism for amending the Constitution. Twenty-seven amendments were passed by 2/3 of Congress and ratified by 3/4 of the States, but Article V allows the by-passing of Congress by an amendment convention called by 2/3 of the states (the ratification process is the same).



Our Jobs & Communities: The 28th Amendment & The American Economy

Meeting Room 12

John Wass, CEO, Profit Isle, Inc., Board Chair, American Promise, **Judy Wicks**, Entrepreneur & Author, **Donnel Baird**, President & CEO, Bloc Power, **Matt Patsy**, President & CEO, Trillium Asset Management, Inc., **John Pudner**, Executive Director, Take Back Our Republic

Exploring how a 28th Amendment and a better Constitutional jurisprudence helps, not hurts, a healthy economy, more jobs and stronger communities. Learn more and take the Amendment conversation in your community to pocketbook and main street concerns.

Millennial Roundtable: Road to the 28th!

Meeting Room 13

Scott Greytak, Senior Counsel, Free Speech for People, **Ben Gubits**, Associate Director-Citizen Engagement, American Promise, **Rio Tazewell**, Manager, People for the American Way, Gov't By the People Campaign, **Yael Bromberg**, Fellow, Institute for Public Representation/Georgetown Law, **Rahna Epting**, Chief of Staff, Every Voice

What does the 28th Amendment offer the generation that will benefit most from the renewal of democratic principles? This group of Millennial citizen leaders (Americans born between the early 80's and the early 00's) will offer tips for messaging, organizing, social media engagement, and outreach. **Yael Bromberg**, will discuss her report on the youth-driven 26th amendment as a starting point where we can explore common issue-specific motivations of young people in both amendment movements.

Winning State Ballot Initiatives and Making The Win Stick - What WA and CA and all of us learn from wins in MT and CO

Meeting Room 14

Derek Cressman, Author, Former Director Public Interest Research Group, **Michele Sutter**, Co-founder, Money Out, Voters In (MOVI), **Cindy Black**, Executive Director, WAMEND/Yes on I-735, **CB Pearson**, SVP, M+R, Public Policy Consultant, **Dan Smith**, USPIRG

This year New York become the 17th state to pass a resolution in support of the 28th Amendment – a cross-partisan triumph. In November, heroic citizen action in California and Washington state ballot initiatives seeks to bring the number to 19! What have we learned? What works? What's ahead? The dark money and back stories in these successes defy the

imagination in some cases, but as we near a tipping point across the nation, these state experiences show how the "impossible" becomes the probable.

5:00-8:00

California & Washington Caucus Room

Meeting Room 7

Ballot Initiative Strategies and Planning

3:30-5:10

Citizen Café

Ballroom Grand North & Central

Facilitated all-conference Citizen deliberation & brainstorm with **Larry Scarff**, Image Science Lead and PED Strategic Vision, UTC Aerospace Systems

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5:15-6:30

Networking/Cocktail Reception

Ballroom Registration Foyer

6:30-8:15

Dinner with Nina Turner

Ballroom Grand Central/North



Keynote: **Nina Turner**, State Senator, Ohio (2008-2014)

Nina Turner speaks truth to power and inspiration to all. Having served as state senator for Ohio's 25th district as well as the minority whip in the Ohio Senate, she is a proponent of the 28th Amendment to overturn Citizens United. Sen. Turner was a prominent supporter of Senator Bernie Sanders campaign, and served as a surrogate on several occasions. The oldest of seven children in Cleveland, her work ethic, empathy, and commitment to serving others stem largely from her home and family. Throughout her career in public service as activist, educator, mentor, and policymaker, Turner has invigorated hundreds of thousands of Americans to advocate for positive social and economic agendas. Her passionate advocacy has earned her regular appearances on national television and radio programs and accolades from numerous national organizations.



The Senator is currently a Professor of History at Cuyahoga Community College and the Chair of Political Engagement at the Ohio Democratic Party.

8:15-9:15

Dessert with Ben Cohen

Ballroom Grand South

Ben Cohen, Founder, Stamp Stamped, Co-founder, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream

Ben Cohen is the co-founder of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream. He founded Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities and True Majority. He has served on a number of boards, has honorary doctorates, and is the author of several books. President and Chairman of People Power Initiative, a 501(c)3, Cohen is well known as the Head Stamper at Stamp Stamped, whose members legally "embellish" American currency with messages that bring attention to the rampant problem of money out of politics.

8:30-10:00

Donna the Buffalo

Ballroom Grand South

One of the most dynamic and determined bands continuously touring America for since 1989, Donna the Buffalo has created a community environment at their shows through their distinctive, groove-heavy, and danceable music. Donna the Buffalo is a band for the people that is accessible, positive, and memorable. With roots in old time fiddle music that evolved into a soulful electric American mix infused with elements of cajun/zydeco,



■ Sunday Citizen Action (optional)

(7:00 – 8:00 a.m.)

Yoga with Susan Reynolds

When? 7:00 – 7:50 a.m. **Where?** Meeting Room 9

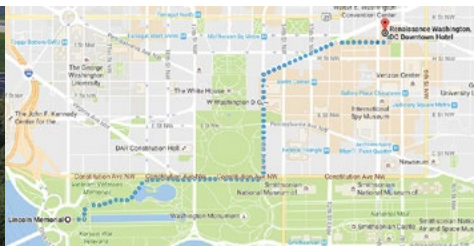
Susan Reynolds, a yoga and mindfulness teacher for the digital age encourages her students to hit the pause button. In the busy and noisy 24/7 connected world, you will learn to stop, feel your feet on the ground and stand in your yoga. In this 50 minute all level class you will begin your day by putting breath to movement in basic yoga poses that will invigorate and center you at the same time.



Walk to the White House

When? 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Where?** Main Hotel lobby on 9th Street

Join us on a gentle morning walk to the White House with us. Spend some time soaking in the autumn sun, and enjoy the beautiful greenery. The walk is about 2 miles round trip.



Run to the Lincoln Memorial

When? 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Where?** Main Hotel lobby on 9th Street

Alternatively, come on a jog to one of Washington D.C.'s most famous monuments – the Lincoln Memorial! On the way, enjoy the scenic route across the National Mall and past the Smithsonian Museums. The route is about 4 miles round trip.





■ Sunday, October 2

rock, folk, reggae, and country, Donna's music often contains social and moral responsibility as core beliefs, and they are just simply fun to get out and celebrate life with.

7:00-8:00 **Citizen Action (optional)**
See page 17 for details.

7:00-11:30 **Registration**
Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk

8:00-Noon **Conference Store**
Meeting Room 15
Books, Hats, Tees, Stickers, Pens, Pocket Constitutions, Window Clings

8:00-9:30 **Continental Breakfast**
Ballroom Grand North

8:15-9:15 **Special Breakout Session: Next Steps for Citizen Leaders**
Meeting Room 16

Breakfast Served

Ben Gubits, Associate Director, Citizen Engagement, American Promise

Are you inspired by the conference? Are you fired up about getting the 28th Amendment ratified? Do you want to bring this energy back to your community and state? Join American Promise's Ben Gubits and Center for Citizen Power and Transformation founder Sam Daley-Harris to learn about American Promise's new offering – its commitment to inspiring and empowering local American Promise Associations (APA) across the country. We'll tell you how you can help launch an APA in your community and how we'll bring guest speakers and much more to all our APAs through our national monthly conference calls. Hear our plans to dissolve the powerlessness and thaw the resignation so our communities are ready to ratify.

9:30-10:15

Faith, Morality & the 28th Amendment

Ballroom Grand North



Keynote: Rev. Dr. Katharine Henderson, President, Auburn Theological Seminary

Katharine Rhodes Henderson is President of Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City, founded in 1818. ATS has a long history of commitment to social causes, such as abolition of slavery and advocacy for women's rights. She published *God's Troublemakers: How Women of Faith are Changing the World* in 2006. Katharine has also spearheaded educational programs for businesspeople, women, young leaders in war-torn countries, and the media, "The time for hand wringing and anxious complaints is long past. Just as the prophets cried out, it is time for us to support campaign finance overhaul. To that end, ministers, rabbis and nuns, priests, imams, and theologians across the U.S. are joining forces, calling out the dangers of unchecked money in our elections and advocating for large-scale reform." She is a member of the American Promise Advisory Council.

Panel Discussion

Rev. Dr. Katharine Henderson, President, Auburn Theological Seminary, **Patrick Carolan**, Executive Director, Franciscan Action Network, **Keesha Gaskins**, Program Director, Democratic Practice-US, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, **Rabbi Jonah Pesner**, Director, Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism

What are the moral implications of a Constitutional doctrine such as Citizens United that prohibits Americans from enacting laws to limit the influence of wealth in determining who represents the people and how policy decisions are made? Is such a doctrine compatible with equal citizenship, or with the equal rights of every human being as we understand that equality in our faith?

10:15-10:30

Citizen Leadership Awards

Ballroom Grand North

Presenter: Ben Gubits, Assoc. Director-Citizen Engagement, American Promise



10:30-11:00

Together We Win

Ballroom Grand North

Jeff Clements, President, American Promise, **Wendy Fields**, Executive Director, Democracy Initiative, **John Pudner**, Executive Director, Take Back Our Republic, **Frances Moore Lappe**, Founder, Small Planet Initiative, **Hedrick Smith**, Pulitzer Prize Journalist & Author

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11:00-11:30

Next Steps for Citizen Leaders

Ballroom Grand North

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Jim Leach is best known for serving Iowa as a Republican in the House of Representatives, a seat he held for 40 years. Congressman Leach sponsored many bills regarding governmental operations, including a PAC Elimination Act and The Campaign Reform Act of 2006. After his congressional career ended in 2007, Leach entered the academic world and currently is a professor of law at the University of Iowa.



Bill Moyers is an American journalist and political commentator. Mr. Moyers served as White House Press Secretary in the Johnson administration from 1965 to 1967. He also worked as a network TV news commentator for ten years. Moyers has been extensively involved with public broadcasting, producing documentaries, and news journal programs. He is a well known trenchant critic of the corporately structured U.S. news media.



Nina Turner is a leader, speaker, and advocate. Known for speaking truth to power, Turner served as state senator for Ohio's 25th district as well as the minority whip in the Ohio Senate. Sen. Turner was a prominent supporter of Senator Bernie Sanders Democratic campaign in 2016, and served as surrogate on several occasions. She is a strong advocate for the 28th Amendment to overturn Citizens United. This passionate advocacy has earned her regular appearances on national television and radio programs and accolades from numerous national organizations.



Katharine Rhodes Henderson is President of Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City. Founded in 1818, ATS has a long history of commitment to social causes, such as abolition of slavery and women's rights. She published "God's Troublemakers: How Women of Faith are Changing the World" in 2006. Rev. Henderson has also spearheaded educational programs for businesspeople, women, young leaders in war-torn countries, and the media.





Donnel Baird is the founder of BlocPower, which creates jobs for qualified local low-income workers, reduces carbon emissions, and provides returns to investors seeking social, environmental, and financial returns. He served as a political and community organizer, and also managing a national initiative to leverage American Reinvestment and Recovery Act energy efficiency investments in underserved communities.



Marge Baker is Executive Vice President at People For the American Way, where she has led its campaign for an amendment to overturn Citizens United. She has served for many years in public service roles, including as Staff Director for Senator Paul Wellstone on the Senate's Employment, Safety and Training Subcommittee and as Chief Counsel to Senator Howard Metzenbaum on the Senate Judiciary Committee.



Edwin Bender serves as Executive Director of National Institute on Money in State Politics. A founding incorporator for the Institute, Ed emphasizes the need to break down barriers to public disclosure of campaign finance and related information in poor-reporting states, while pushing advances in cross-state issue analyses and web-based data aggregation and dissemination.



Cindy Black currently serves as Executive Director for WAmend, an organization working to get a proposal for the 28th amendment on the Washington state ballot. She also served as grassroots organizer to label GMOs. Black's activism was spurred on by a desire to see her grandchildren grow up in a more sustainable and just world. She is a small business owner and a veteran, and believes in standing up to corruption in our democracy and giving power back to the people.



John Bonifaz is the Co-Founder and President of Free Speech For People. He has been at the forefront of key voting rights battles for more than two decades, and has also served as co-counsel in international human rights and environmental litigation, notably holding Chevron-Texaco oil company accountable for its widespread destruction of the Ecuadorian Amazon.



Andrew Bossie is the Executive Director of Maine Citizens for Clean Elections. MCCE has grown under Andrew's leadership into the state's foremost voice in campaign finance reform. In 2014, Andrew and the MCCE team executed a successful statewide signature gathering initiative that led to a 2015 ballot initiative to restore and strengthen Maine's campaign finance laws.



Yael Bromberg is currently a staff attorney and teaching fellow focusing on civil rights and voting rights litigation with the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown Law School. She previously worked at Common Cause on litigation, legislative research and policy related to democracy law, and is the co-author of a new Common Cause report on youth voting rights, issued on the 45th Anniversary of the 26th Amendment.



Kahlil Byrd is the Founder of FPPCO LLC, an impact investment advising firm. He is a political entrepreneur and expert at building and managing large, disruptive, technology-based advocacy and political organizations. The former CEO and Co-founder of Americans Elect and president of StudentsFirst, Kahlil is on the advisory board of American Promise as well as those of Halcyon House, Discourse Analytics, Take Back Our Republic, and Foster America.



Patrick Carolan has been the Executive Director of the Franciscan Action Network for the past four years – a non-profit social justice advocacy organization on Capitol Hill focusing on immigration, human trafficking, climate change and peace-building. He is the cofounder or Faithful Democracy, a faith coalition focused on the issue of Money in Politics, working to educate on the corruptive influence of big money on our democracy.



Ben Clements is a former federal prosecutor and former Governor's Chief Legal Counsel, with experience representing persons and entities in white collar criminal proceedings, state and federal enforcement proceedings, complex business litigation, and appeals. He works with clients in connection with securities law, healthcare law, government ethics laws and regulations, government procurement law, and other matters relating to the state and federal governments.



Jeff Clements is the President and Founder of American Promise. He authored *Corporations Are Not People: Reclaiming Democracy From Big Money & Global Corporations*. He is a co-founder of Free Speech For People, a national non-partisan, non-profit campaign to strengthen American democracy and founder of Whaleback Partners LLC, which provides sustainable financing to the local agriculture economy.



Craig Clevidence is the Director of Renew Democracy, a non-commercial grassroots think-tank devoted to empowering the voter by enabling representative democracy. He attended the University of Michigan and is an economist and certified real estate appraiser in Kalispell, Montana.





Cheryl Clyburn Crawford joined MassVOTE in 2008, and directed MassVOTE's Census and Redistricting Project, which, in cooperation with coalition partners, led over 3,000 people to take part in public redistricting hearings, culminating in new legislative maps that doubled the number of majority-minority districts. She also sits on the Executive Board of the NAACP-Boston Branch as 1st Vice President.



John Coates is a Professor of Law and Economics at Harvard University. As a scholar, his goals are to better understand, teach, and write about the effects of law and lawyers on finance, financial institutions, the wider economy, and society. His specialties include: mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, financial institutions, corporations, contracts, and mutual funds.



Ben Cohen is known for co-founding Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream. Cohen is now the the Head Stamper at Stamp Stampede, an organization that stamps dollar bills with anti money-in-politics messages. He has served on the boards of Oxfam America, Greenpeace, and Hampshire College. He is the recipient of the U.S. Small Businessperson of the Year Award, several honorary doctorates, and has authored several books.



Tyler Creighton is Senior Media Associate for the Money in Politics and Fair Courts Collaborative. He works with other leaders in the democracy movement identifying and capitalizing on rapid response news opportunities in traditional and social media, drafting and pitching op-eds, and devising strategic communication plans for campaigns, events, and new reports.



Derek Cressman served as Democracy Program Director for Public Interest Research Group, where he was the first professional advocate in Washington, D.C. to support an amendment in favor of limiting campaign spending. Derek worked with voters, demanding that Congress pass an amendment to overturn the ruling in *Citizens United v. FEC*. He is also the author of *When Money Talks*.



Donna Edwards became the first African American woman from Maryland elected into Congress. She has worked to get big corporate money out of politics. Congresswoman Edwards has authored legislation to support 10,000 Maryland jobs, fought to protect and expand Social Security and Medicare programs. Additionally, Edwards chartered legislation for women's reproductive rights and equal pay.



Johannes Epke joined Move to Amend in 2013 and works from Brooklyn as Grassroots Volunteer Coordinator - East. He has a background in law and has spent his career working for nonprofit organizations in various capacities from volunteer to board member. Prior to joining Move to Amend, Johannes worked as an attorney in California with a focus on environmental justice, and Clean Air Act enforcement.



Rahna Epting has been building and implementing new programs and managing teams for more than 10 years. At Every Voice, she ensures that staff are supported to do their jobs well. She also serves as an ambassador of Every Voice to the rest of the movement and provides critical support for programmatic work.



Ed Erikson is the Founder and President of Erikson Communication Group. His clients include federal, state, and local politicians, unions, socially-responsible businesses, and issue advocates in North America and Europe. He taught undergraduate courses in American politics and media at University of Massachusetts Amherst, and his commentary has appeared in CNN, Politico, Fox News, PBS News Hour, Christian Science Monitor, and Huffington Post.



Wendy Fields joined the Democracy Initiative/Democracy Initiative Education Fund as Executive Director following extensive experience working in broad-based coalitions. Previously, Fields was the Vice President of Strategic Campaigns and Partnerships at Common Cause for two years, where she focused on linking economic inequity and racial equity to the democracy agenda.



Caroline Fredrickson serves as President of the American Constitution Society. During her tenure, Fredrickson helped grow ACS, which now has more than 40 lawyer chapters around the country, student chapters in nearly every US law school, and thousands of members across the nation. She is a spokesperson for ACS and issues including civil rights, labor law, voting rights, and the role of money in politics.



Aquene Freechild is the Campaign Co-Director of Public Citizen's Democracy Is For People Campaign. She co-leads Public Citizen's work building a broad movement to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling and to get big money out of politics. Aquene led Public Citizen's outreach effort building broad consensus amongst non-profits and membership organizations that a constitutional amendment is the necessary remedy for unbridled spending in elections.





Keesha Gaskins serves as the Director of the Democratic Practice Program for the United States at the Rockefeller Brothers Funds. She focuses on combatting the corrupting influence of money in politics, expanding access to the ballot, supporting efforts for underrepresented populations to advance policy, and identifying innovations in advocacy and organizing to improve U.S. democracy.



Joe Goodwin is the Executive Director of National Service Now, a nonprofit advocating that young Americans volunteer for a “service year,” no matter what organization or cause they choose to pursue. The son of historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, he served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Joe’s public policy insights have been published in numerous periodicals, including *The New York Times* and *The Boston Globe*.



Lisa Graves is the Executive Director of the Center for Media and Democracy, which investigates and exposes the influence of corporations on public policy. Graves previously served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice in the Office of Legal Policy/Policy Development, as an adjunct law professor, and as the leading legislative strategist on privacy issues in national security surveillance.



Daniel Greenwood is a professor at law of Hofstra University, where he researches the structure and rights of business organizations, the intersection of democratic theory and corporate law, and problems of group rights in an individualist democracy. He has published numerous pieces on corporate law, corporate speech rights, and the role of corporations in politics, as well as on minority religious rights and related topics.



Scott Greytak is a social justice attorney working to curb the influence of money in politics. His background is in policy development, advocacy, litigation, state and local-level campaigns, and academic writing. He is currently involved with Free Speech for People, the American Consitution Society, and the American Civil Liberties Union of the Nation’s Capitol (ACLU-NCA).



Alison Hartson is a co-National Director with Wolf PAC. She joined Wolf PAC in 2013 and soon became the volunteer California State Director, building the team from the ground up and managing a 360% growth rate of volunteers. Alison also mentors volunteers and leaders across the country in building their own teams and helped pass the Free & Fair Elections Resolution in 3 more states since mid-2014.



Karen Hobert Flynn is President of Common Cause. She oversees the strategy and planning for the organization and raised significant resources to support their national and state efforts to curb the outsized influence of big money in politics and to protect voting rights. She oversaw a dramatic expansion of Common Cause's digital presence, bringing in hundreds of thousands of new members and supporters.



Bri Holmes is the Digital Media Strategist at Free Speech For People, a nonpartisan political nonprofit focused on campaign finance reform and challenging corporate civil rights claims. She worked on President Obama's 2012 reelection campaign in Nevada, and with local Los Angeles elections, labor unions, a nonprofit biotech, the Aspen Institute and a public radio station.



Walter Jones serves in the US House of Representatives for the state of North Carolina. Congressman Jones has been a strong voice in fighting for an effective, commonsense government that returns power and control back to the people. His dedication to providing tax relief for American families, retirement security for seniors, and a quality education for every child has earned him respect on both sides of the political aisle.



Sheila Krumholz is the Executive Director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a non-partisan, independent organization that tracks money in politics and its effect on elections and public policy. In 2010, Fast Company magazine named Krumholz to its "Most Influential Women in Technology" list for her contribution to government transparency through technology.



Timothy K. Kuhner is an Associate Professor of Law at Georgia State University. Kuhner's scholarship focuses on campaign finance, corruption, and democratic theory, and he has spoken about these topics at venues throughout Europe and the United States. Notably, these include the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Transparency International UK, Common Cause, and other high profile US and UK universities.



Adam Lioz works with Demos as Counsel and Senior Advisor for Policy & Outreach. Since starting at Demos in 2001, he has focused on litigation to enforce the National Voter Registration Act and end prison-based gerrymandering; and policy advocacy to promote political equality and democratic fairness through safeguarding the right to vote and curbing the influence of big money on the political process.





Jim McGovern serves the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the US House of Representatives. Since his election, McGovern has earned a national reputation as a tireless advocate for his district and as a champion for campaign finance reform, social justice and peace. Rep. McGovern is a leading voice in Congress fighting to overturn Citizens United, and has become one of the main advocates in the fight against corporate personhood.



Doug Miller is a board member with Get Money Out-Maryland, an all-volunteer group with more than 3,300 supporters that is working to minimize the influence of money and strengthen the power of citizens in the political process in the United States and in Maryland. A longtime local reporter, editor, editorial writer and columnist, he now works as a freelance writer and voiceover. He also fronts the rock band Replaced By Robots.



Greg Moore is a member of the Free Speech for People Board of Directors. He has plenty of experience in political empowerment and issue advocacy, serving in a number of leadership positions throughout his many years of grassroots organizing and program development at the local, state and national level. Moore has lectured on several college campuses on equal educational opportunity, civil rights, voting rights, and democratic reform.



Frances Moore Lappé has authored 18 books about world hunger, living democracy, and the environment. She is the co-founder of 3 organizations, including the Small Planet Institute and the Small Planet Fund which she leads with her daughter Anna Lappé, channeling resources to democratic social movements worldwide. She received the Right Livelihood Award “for revealing the political and economic causes of world hunger and how citizens can help to remedy them.”



Jim Nelson served as a Justice on the Montana Supreme Court for 10 years. Prior to serving on the Court, Justice Nelson engaged in the general practice of law in for nearly 20 years, representing individuals, small businesses, ranchers, and farmers in a variety of legal matters. While on the Supreme Court, Jim served on several Commissions, including chairing the Court’s Commission on Technology and acting as liaison to the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.



Michael D. Ostrolenk co-founded and serves as National Director of the Liberty Coalition, a bipartisan group of organizations who work to protect civil liberties and the right to privacy, as well as encourage transparency in government. A radio host and public speaker, Ostrolenk has authored articles appearing in a variety of publications ranging from USA Today to The American Conservative Magazine.



Matthew Patsky is CEO and a portfolio manager for Trillium Asset Management, and works in investment research and investment management. While covering emerging growth companies at Lehman Brothers, Patsky began to incorporate environmental, social and governance factors into his research, becoming the first sell-side analyst in the United States to publish on the topic of socially responsible investing.



Arn Pearson serves as the Center for Media and Democracy's General Counsel and Policy Advisor. He previously served as the Vice President for Policy and Litigation at Common Cause. Pearson has worked for more than 20 years developing federal and state policy and legal strategies around campaign finance reform, government ethics, corporate accountability, and tax reform.



C. B. Pearson serves as Senior Vice President and Missoula Office Director of M&R Strategic Services. He began his public interest career with the Colorado Public Interest Research Group. For two years, he worked as an Organizer for Ralph Nader. He was the first Director of the Montana PIRG in 1982. In addition, he served as the Executive Director and Lobbyist for Montana Common Cause and the Clark Fork-Pend Orielle Coalition. He has managed five Montana initiative/referenda campaigns. Prior to M&R, he ran his own consulting firm, working with nonprofits.



Rabbi Jonah Pesner serves as the Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), the Washington, D.C. advocacy and social justice arm of North America's largest Jewish Movement. Rabbi Pesner is an accomplished advocate with broad experience leading social justice campaigns across the board, and chairs the board of the Jewish Organizing Initiative.



Tamara R. Piety is the author of *Brandishing the First Amendment*, as well as numerous articles and essays about commercial and corporate speech. Currently, she holds an Endowed Chair at the University of Tulsa. She has been a contributor to *Scotusblog* on the *McCutcheon* case and on *Concurring Opinions'* post on the 5th Anniversary of the *Citizens United* decision. Professor Piety has done a number of interviews for print and broadcast media on the topic.



John Pudner serves as the Executive Director for Take Back Our Republic. He has managed the campaigns of conservative politicians including Dave Brat, unseated U.S. Majority Leader Eric Cantor in one of the most unprecedented upsets in political history. During his campaigning career, he saw firsthand the influence of money on politics. In response, he now leads Take Back Our Republic to change the system.





Jim Pullaro is a citizen activist who addresses the need for public funding of elections. He served in the US army, and now has a career in business, commercial and residential real estate development. One of his real estate projects was dedicated specifically to providing residential housing ownership for Native Americans, becoming the first and largest venture of its kind in the US.



Jamie Raskin is a Professor of Constitutional Law, the First Amendment, and Legislative Process, and founding Director of the Program on Law and Government. The bestselling author of *Overruling Democracy: the Supreme Court versus the American People* and *We the Students: Supreme Court Cases for and About Students*, Raskin is also a State Senator in Maryland, where he serves on the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and chairs the Special Committee on Ethics Reform.



Larry Scarff has a lifelong passion for photography and imaging science, spanning such diverse industries as aerial reconnaissance, digital radiography, and mobile imaging systems (cell-phone cameras). He currently works in Westford, MA at UTC Aerospace Systems, where he optimizes image quality and camera system designs for high altitude aerial cameras.



Dan Smith is Democracy Campaign Director for U.S. PIRG, and coordinates federal and state level campaigns to curb the corrosive effect of big money on our democracy. Based in Washington, D.C., he develops and provides support for democracy program field campaigns, lobbies elected officials, analyzes policy, and works with the media to promote solutions to the problem of big money in politics. His opinions have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *CBS News*, *Bloomberg*, *Fox Business*, and many other news outlets.



Hedrick Smith is a Pulitzer Prize-winning former New York Times reporter and editor and Emmy award-winning producer/correspondent who has established himself over the past 50 years as one of America's most distinguished journalists. In 2013, Mr. Smith authored *Who Stole the American Dream?*, a documentation about how the last 40 years have seen a series of seismic changes that transformed America.



Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap is the National Director of Move to Amend and is a founding member of the National Leadership Team for the organization. She is also a Principal with Program on Corporations Law and Democracy, a Local Democracy Fellow for the Liberty Tree Foundation, and Board President of Democracy Unlimited. In November 2004, She was elected as the first woman to serve on the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Board.



Trellis Stepter serves as program officer for the Mertz Gilmore Foundation Democratic Values and Climate Change Solutions programs. He previously served as a program officer at Proteus Fund/ Piper Fund. Trellis served as Director of Government Affairs for the administration of Governor Deval Patrick, and as chief of staff to the Assistant Majority Leader in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Currently, he serves on the boards of the Patriotic Millionaires and Massachusetts Common Cause.



Charles Stuart is a documentary filmmaker who has made more than 50 documentaries for every major television network, notably *Into the Shadows: The CIA in Hollywood*. He is the recipient of 8 Emmys and other national awards for his writing, reporting, and producing. Stuart has produced hundreds of short videos for digital advocacy on subjects ranging from mental health to reproductive rights.



Michele Sutter co-founded Money Out Voters In, (MOVI) a non-partisan, all-volunteer organization dedicated to establishing a 28th Amendment to restore democracy. MOVI's efforts were critical to the successful passage of a Los Angeles municipal ballot measure calling for an amendment resolution. In 2016, it will appear on the California state ballot as Proposition 59.



Rio Tazewell is the “Government By the People” campaign coordinator at People For the American Way where he helps coordinate efforts to enact a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United and a range of other policy solutions. Tazewell is the founder of Generation One, a startup social enterprise using information technology and public engagement strategies to create connections within the social, civic, and economic circles of communities.



John Wass previously was a key executive who grew Staples from 3 stores to over 1000 and managed many of its programs including prototype store, and developed the B2B business and a \$10B+ global supply chain. Wass also co-founded a state-of-the-art healthcare information company, which sold to Cardinal Healthcare. He now serves as CEO of Profit Isle, Inc, and is Board Chair of American Promise.





Robert Weissman is President of Public Citizen, and immediately after the Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling, established the Democracy Is For People campaign, a project of Public Citizen meant to fight for a constitutional amendment to overturn the ruling and curb money in politics. After the 2008 financial collapse, he pushed for strong legislation and regulatory action through the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.



Judy Wicks is the Co-founder of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE). She also founded and the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia, and in 1983, she opened a café in Philadelphia, called White Dog Café, which she has since sold. Her book prize-winning book, "Good Morning, Beautiful Business" was published in 2013. She is a member of the American Promise National Advisory Council.



Pam Wilmot is Executive Director of Common Cause Massachusetts, a grassroots organization fighting against corruption and abuse of power in American politics. Wilmot has been an advocate for government reform and consumer and environmental issues for over 20 years.



Elizabeth Wydra is Constitutional Accountability Center's President. For 8 years, she served as CAC's Chief Counsel, representing the Center as well as clients including constitutional scholars and historians, state and local government organizations, as well as the League of Women Voters and the AARP. She has appeared as a legal expert for NBC, ABC, CNN, Fox News, the BBC, Current TV, and NPR.



Olivia Zink is the Executive Director for the Governing Under the Influence project at American Friends Service Committee in Concord, NH. She worked on campaigns for economic and social justice, collaborating with the Coalition for Open Democracy, New Hampshire Citizens Alliance, and National Committee to Preserve Social Security. Zink spent a year in Bolivia working with the Democracy Center.



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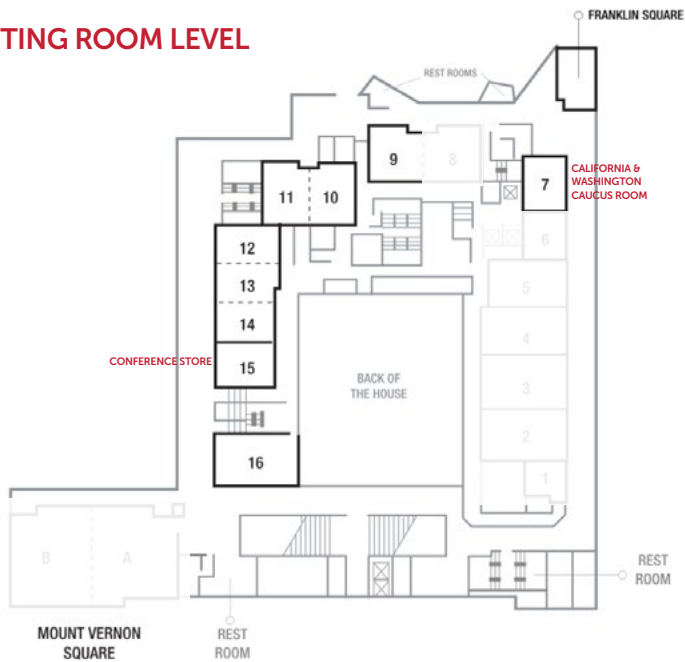
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