



The 2018 National Citizen Leadership Conference Together We Win

Introduction

American Promise is raising funding for our second National Citizen Leadership Conference in Washington DC, June 2-4, 2018. Our conference budget is \$200,000.

“I feel hope and know what to do for the first time in a long time. Thank you.”

We have the experience and the game plan to execute this essential piece of our strategy to renew American democracy.

In October 2016, American Promise convened the first-ever National Citizen Leadership Conference on the 28th Amendment for two days in Washington D.C. In just our first year of operation, we executed what many thought was impossible.

- 300 citizen leaders from 40 states learning, sharing, leading together;
- Republican and Democratic members of Congress who back the 28th Amendment sharing the stage and sharing strategies (even in the midst of a partisan election);
- Inspiration from cross-partisan political leaders, business and labor leaders, veterans, faith and civic leaders;
- For the first time ever, participation by all of the leaders from every major organization working on the 28th Amendment;
- Citizen leadership training with American Promise’s Civic Courage program;
- Follow up feedback and support for local, state and national democracy and civic work;

Attendees went home not only more inspired but more active and productive in the cross-partisan work for a 28th Amendment. In just the first six months of 2017, with American Promise’s follow-up and support, the results are coming in:

- 120,000 new citizen co-sponsors
- 3000 citizen actions (letters to editor, contact legislators, e.g.)
- 1300 Americans from 50 states on Core Team leadership training calls
- 125+ public education events

- 30 state 28th Amendment resolutions introduced
- 10 new local American Promise Associations in Oklahoma, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey, New Mexico, Missouri and Minnesota
- 1 stronger, more unified, cross-partisan movement to renew American democracy.

Here are just a few highlights from our first National Citizen Leadership Conference:

Our Conference program -

<https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/americanpromise/pages/347/attachments/original/1475160301/2016-AmericanPromise-NCLC-WEB.pdf?1475160301>

Brief (three-minute) summary video of keynote from former Ohio State Senator Nina Turner- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=002cUnEELKg>

More about the Conference-

http://www.americanpromise.net/about#post_nclc_program_outline

Now American Promise is preparing for our second National Citizen Leadership Conference. *The 2018 National Citizen Leadership Conference* will do even more to:

- Expand and scale this unique program of civic renewal leading to the 28th Amendment;
- Model cross-partisan support and citizen deliberation for the 28th Amendment;
- Inspire and back up ongoing local and collaborative citizen action;
- Counter hyper-partisan rancor with a model of effective deliberative democracy;
- Continue to build an online, public-access library of background resources, debates and reports for building the Constitutional foundations and related reforms that support rather than undermine American democracy;
- Unify a national cross-partisan network to become leading voices for passage and ratification, and who model deliberative self-government for a politically and demographically diverse people.

We ask for your support, and hope to talk soon. For more information and to discuss partnering with us for the 2018 National Citizen Leadership Conference, please contact:

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American Promise

American Promise leads the cross-partisan, fifty-state campaign for the 28th Amendment so that people, not money, govern America. The 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution replaces the Supreme Court's doctrine of political inequality and systemic corruption, reflected in decisions such as *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, with foundational American principles of equal citizenship and representation and safeguards against concentrated power.

We are thousands of service-oriented Americans in every State who back up our commitment to government of, for, and by the People with our membership in American Promise. We also are grateful to our cross-partisan National Advisory Council of prominent leaders (http://www.americanpromise.net/about#ap_advisory_council), our growing governing Board, and our talented staff (<http://www.americanpromise.net/about>).

American Promise has built the three drivers needed to win ratification of the 28th Amendment now:

1. Our distributed, decentralized model supports, connects and amplifies cross-partisan local action by all Americans all over the country, driven by our national [Citizen Uprising](#), Civic Courage program, [public events](#), and our acclaimed [National Citizen Leadership Conference](#);
2. We build national consensus and determination, vetting and driving forward specific, effective language of the 28th Amendment with our [Writing The 28th Amendment](#) program, inviting all Americans into the process; and
3. We hold elected representatives accountable to ensure that they represent the good of the country and the will of the people for big, real reform through the 28th Amendment, rather than do the bidding of big donors and special interests.

This three-prong strategy is building the super-majority support in Congress and throughout the country to pass and ratify the 28th Amendment and renew the American promise of human liberty, equal citizenship, and effective self-government.

American Promise, Inc., is a non-profit organization under IRC section 501(c)(3). American Promise also advances the 28th Amendment through ballot initiatives, candidate scorecards, citizen lobbying and more through American Promise Initiative, Inc., a non-profit organization under IRC section 501(c)(4).

Our national headquarters is in Concord, Massachusetts.