

Welcome!

Take Action Webinar: *Get Involved in 2019*

January 8, 2019

The webinar will begin in a few moments.

Agenda

1. Quick Overview of Move to Amend
2. 2019 Projects
3. Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities
4. Questions
5. Next Steps

Mission

Move to Amend is a coalition of hundreds of organizations and hundreds of thousands of individuals committed to social and economic justice, ending corporate rule, and building a vibrant democracy that is genuinely accountable to the people, not corporate interests.

Goals

- Pass the **We the People Amendment** to make clear that *artificial entities do not have Constitutional rights* and that *money is not speech*.
- Provoke discussion and organizing about how to make real the promise of American democracy through Constitutional renewal.

Our Principles & Values

1. Anti-Oppression and Solidarity Organizing
2. Coalition and Movement Building
3. Grassroots Organizing
4. Dedication to Political Education
5. Political and Economic Independence

Amending the Constitution

- **Congress**
 - 2/3 of both houses (House and Senate) must pass amendment resolution
 - 3/4 of states must ratify (38 states)
- **Constitutional Convention**
 - 2/3 of state legislatures call for a Convention to propose amendment (34 states)
 - 3/4 of states must ratify (38 states)

Strategy

- Primary target is American people at this time (not Congress) to build a movement for power
- Coalition building – reaching out to other organizations working on issues affected by corporate power
- Building a broad and diverse, multi-racial & inter-generational movement – reaching out to those most affected by corporate rule
- Community organizing, not just activism
- Focus on grassroots organizing to pass local and state resolutions calling for amendment

Structure

- ✓ Local Affiliate Groups
- ✓ State Networks & State Chapters
- ✓ National Move to Amend
 - National Leadership Team (Board of Directors)
 - Staff Team
 - Intern Team

We are a grassroots, volunteer-lead organization!

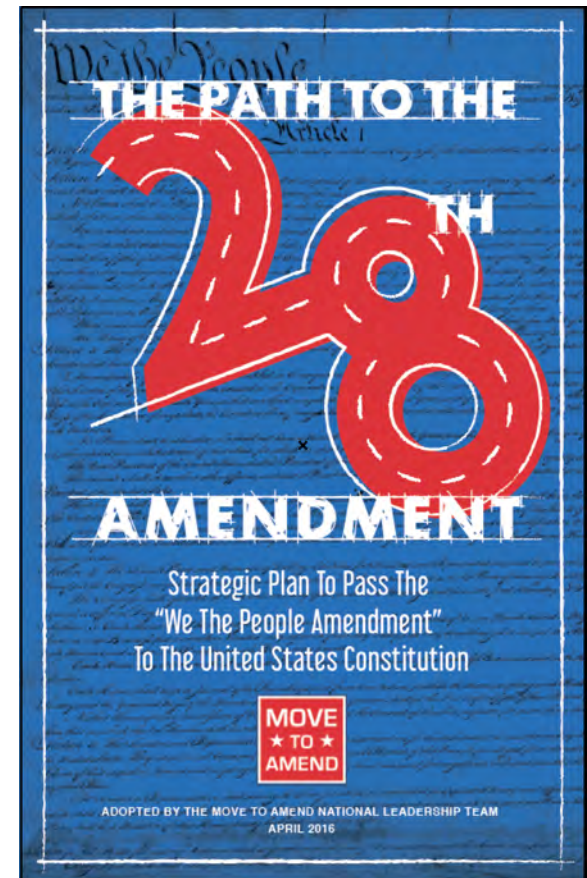
2018 Accomplishments

- ✓ 66 We the People Amendment Co-Sponsors in the House of Representatives
- ✓ Barnstorming tour stops in over 60 cities
- ✓ National Leadership Summit & Lobby Day in DC
- ✓ Over 200 candidates signed Pledge to Amend
- ✓ Recruited new lead sponsor in the House for 116th Congress: Pramila Jayapal

Strategic Plan – 2019 Benchmarks

- 60 75 House Co-Sponsors for HJR 48
- Amendment Introduced in the Senate
- 350 Pledge to Amend Sign Ups
- Grow Petition Signers
- Grow Volunteer Leaders
- Grow Affiliate Groups
- 3rd National Leadership Summit

Read it at MoveToAmend.org/plan



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PEOPLE

	State Chapters	Lead Organizers	Active Supporters
2016	0	500	500K
	↓	↓	↓
2020	28-40	3K	1M
	↓	↓	↓
2025	50	5K	3M



COMMUNITIES

	State Constitutional Amendments	States Calling for Convention	State/Local Pledges to Amend
2016	0	3	165
	↓	↓	↓
2020	3	20	615
	↓	↓	↓
2025	8	40	2,065

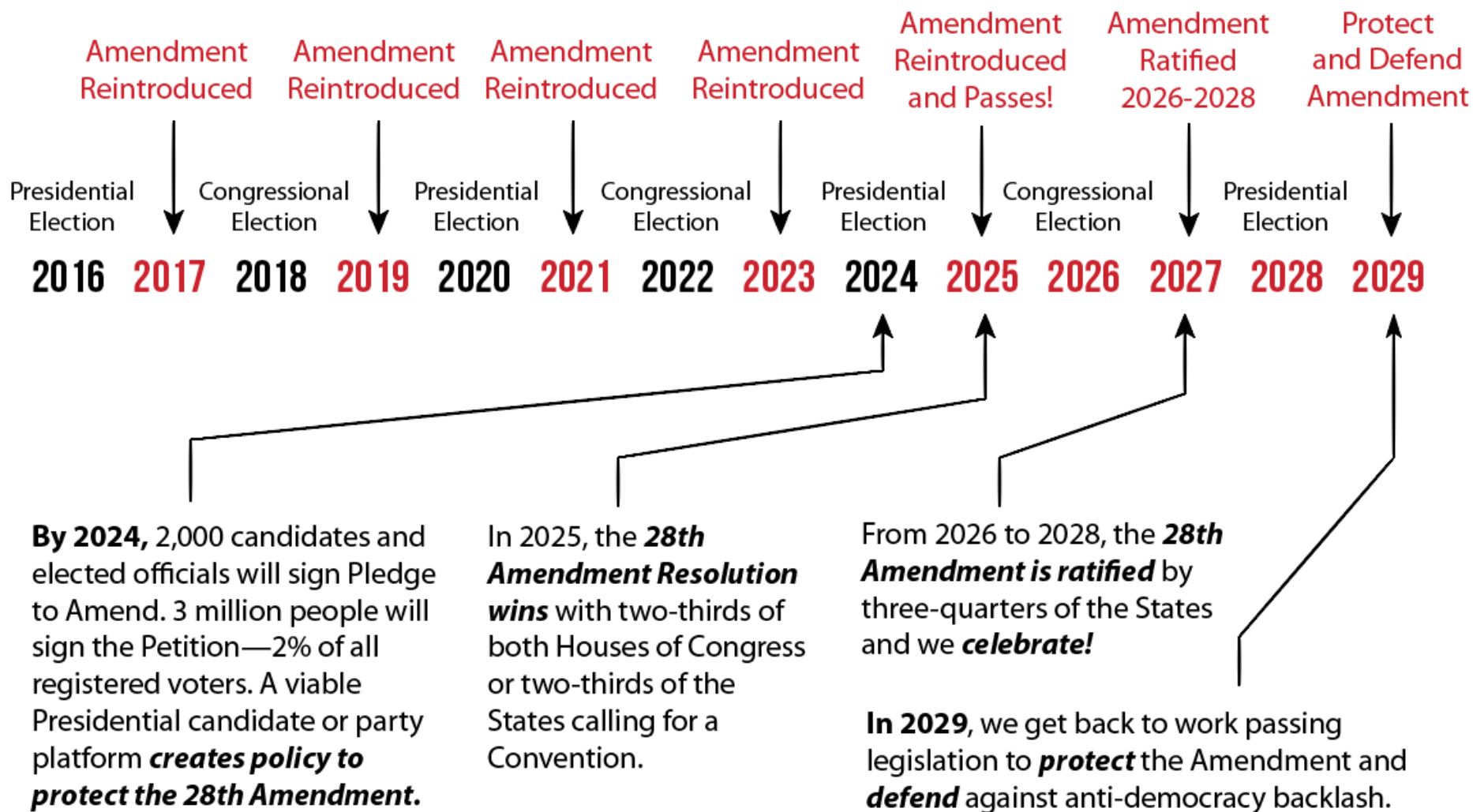


CONGRESS

	House Sponsors	Senate Sponsors
2016	25	0
	↓	↓
2020	75	20
	↓	↓
2025	300	70

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We the People Amendment



We the People Amendment

- House Joint Resolution 48 – ended last year with 66 co-sponsors (goal was 45)
- Will be reintroduced in House this month
- National visit to Capitol Hill in Feb for lobby meetings
- New goal is 75 co-sponsors in the House
- Need introduction in the Senate, goal of 5-10 initial sponsors

We the People Amendment (January-February)

- Re-introduction expected in this month
- Recruit back previous co-sponsors
- Briefing for Legislative staff in DC
- Target new House members
- Target Progressive Caucus
- Launch National Call days on the 28th of each month
- Move discussions forward in the Senate

We the People Amendment (March-May)

- Continue national call days on the 28th of each month
- Prepare for *End Corporate Personhood Day* (May 10):
Deliver petitions to Congressional offices (in District)
and/or hold rallies with current sponsors
 - ✓ Recruit more petition signers in advance
 - ✓ Postcard campaign
 - ✓ Press opportunity

We the People Amendment (June)

- Continue national call days on the 28th of each month
- JUNE 24: National We the People Lobby Day in Washington DC

(July-August)

- Continue national call days on the 28th of each month
- Follow up meetings in District during August recess

We the People Amendment (September)

- Continue national call days on the 28th of each month
- Actions at Congressional offices: time's up! Whose side are you on?
- Chance for big media attention!
- Direct Action as needed (sit ins)!
- Top targets will be Democratic Party members

2019 Projects: Pledge to Amend

- Focus primarily on local races
- Educate candidates and lay groundwork for support and leadership once elected
- Target 2020 Presidential candidates
- Emphasis on skills building – citizen lobbying, birddogging, media attention, and hosting candidate forums



More info:

<http://MoveToAmend.org/pledge-amend>

2019 Projects: Leadership Summit

- June 21-24 at Trinity University in Washington, DC
- Excellent organizing and advocacy trainings
- Deep political education
- Community-building and networking
- Empowering Lobby Day



More info:

<https://movetoamend.org/summit>

Collect Motion to Amend Signatures

- Emphasis on outreach and skills building –primary way to grow– all hands on deck!
- Many ways to do it:
 - ✓ Bring petition to work, school, church, meetings you attend
 - ✓ Petition at community events, farmer's markets, festivals
 - ✓ Table in front of local grocery store, community events, etc.



More info:

<http://MoveToAmend.org/toolkit/petitioning>

House Parties for Democracy

- Bring together friends and neighbors, emphasis on fundraising and education
- Show Legalize Democracy
- Possible Skype conversation with National MTA Organizer
- Collect donations, petitions, possibly start new group



More info:

<http://MoveToAmend.org/houseparty>

Stampede to Amend

- Stamp your money (and anything else) with messages calling for the amendment
- Emphasis on outreach
- Involve Others – Hold a Stamp-In, publicly or at your house



More info:

<http://move-to-amend.myshopify.com/>

Caucuses and Working Groups

If you have background or interest (professional or personal) in any of the following areas, check out our current caucuses:

- Interfaith Caucus
- Arts & Culture Caucus (artists and cultural workers)
- Organized Labor Caucus
- Educator Caucus

More info:

<https://movetoamend.org/caucuses>

Resources for Grassroots Volunteers

Motion to Amend/Petition

www.MoveToAmend.org/petition

Take Action Toolkit

www.MoveToAmend.org/toolkit

Affiliation Page

www.MoveToAmend.org/affiliate

Volunteer Signup Page

www.MoveToAmend.org/volunteer

Movement Education Program

www.MoveToAmend.org/education



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WE NEED EVERYONE TO:

Join the 28th Amendment Alliance!

- ✓ **Pledge to recruit at least 28 people to sign the Motion to Amend**
- ✓ **Pledge to call your House member and Senators on the 28th of each month**
- ✓ **Become a Move to Amend sustainer**
(suggested donation: \$28/month)
- *We'll send you a 28th Amendment Starter Kit with t-shirt, button, petitions, postcards and stickers!*

Questions?

Next Steps

- **Please give us your feedback** by completing the survey at <https://movetoamend.org/webinar-feedback>
- **Contact Move to Amend** if you have any questions
 - info@MoveToAmend.org
 - (916) 318-8040
- **Next webinar is February 5** at 5pm PT/ 8pm ET: “How to Start a Move to Amend Affiliate”