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ALLIANCE

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Four Principles:

- Alliance members believe that our country is stronger when our leaders work together constructively to meet the challenges we face.
- Alliance members advocate a stronger voice for citizens in the political and social process.
- Alliance members believe that respectful, civil discourse is necessary for genuine problem-solving to address our great challenges.
- Alliance members are committed to exploring learning from each other and aligning efforts in mutual support, as appropriate, for raising the collective visibility and impact of all member organizations.

Membership List as of 04/20/2017

92Y (i.e. 92nd Street) Y is a cultural and community center where people connect through culture, arts, entertainment and conversation. We have harnessed the power of arts and ideas to enrich, enlighten and change lives, and the power of community to repair the world.

ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge preparing graduates for their public lives as citizens, members of communities, and professionals in society has historically been a responsibility of higher education. The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge recognizes those postsecondary campuses committed to improving democratic engagement, increasing student voter participation rates, and graduating students with a lifelong commitment to being informed and active citizens.

All In Together is a non-partisan, collaboration driven campaign to empower women with the tools they need to drive meaningful change—amplifying their voices on the civic, social, and political issues that matter to them.

AllSides delivers technology and services to provide multiple perspectives on news, issues, and topics - and the people behind the ideas because the way society gets its news and information affects the world around us.

The American Democracy Project (ADP) is a network of more than 260 state colleges and universities focused on public higher education's role in preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens for our democracy.

American Promise is a strategic, inter-partisan organization designed to win the 28th Amendment to the Constitution so that people - not money, not corporations, not special interests - govern America.

American Public Square brings people from across the political and ideological spectrum together to create a civil, fact-based conversation about national, regional and local polarizing issues creating a better understanding within our communities.

American Sustainable Business Council is a network of businesses and business associations that have committed themselves to the triple bottom line of People, Planet, and Profit. Members believe that sustainable business is good business, and a sustainable economy is a prosperous and resilient one.

Ask Big Questions partners with colleges, universities, and organizations to engage young adults in community conversations about purpose, identity, and responsibility. These conversations build trust, strengthen community, and deepen understanding across lines of difference.

Better Angels is a new bipartisan network of leaders and organizations committed to reducing polarization and bring people together from across the divides to rethink currently polarized issues and show why reducing polarization is an urgent priority.

Big Tent Nation is a nonpartisan, nonprofit initiative dedicated to substantially increasing the number of citizens working together to address America's highest stakes economic challenges.

bridgeUSA believes that sustained dialogue through policy-based forums, guest speakers, roundtable negotiations, rapid prototyping, and other active listening and communication events can foster positive change in millennial's political discourse.

Bring It to The Table encourages Americans to stop bickering about politics, examine their own assumptions, and truly engage in civil discourse to help move our democracy forward. This project is a short documentary, webisode series, online platform, and community engagement campaign aimed at bridging political divides and breaking down partisanship. For people who are tired of hyper-partisanship, pull a chair up to The Table and join us in making politics an acceptable topic for dinner conversation again!

Centrist Project members are socially tolerant and believe in minimizing government in our private lives. They are fiscally and environmentally responsible, and believe in economic opportunity for every American.

Charter for Compassion is a network of networks, Charter for Compassion connect organizers and partners from around the world. They provide educational resources, organizing tools, and avenues of communication for sharing lessons, stories, and inspiration as a global movement

Cities of Service is a national nonprofit organization that supports mayors and city chief executives in their efforts to engage local communities and residents, identify challenges, and solve problems together. We work with cities to build city-led citizen-powered initiatives.

Citizen University works with a national array of partners to help Americans cultivate the values, systems knowledge, and skills of effective citizenship.

Civil Politics is an organization run by academics whose expertise lies in the use of data to understand moral psychology. They regularly publish articles in scientific journals concerning the antecedents and consequences of moral views.

Coffee Party USA is an all-volunteer transpartisan group building, nurturing and connecting communities to reclaim our government for the people. Members agree to a civility pledge and share blogs, news stories and memes through their Facebook page.

Common Ground Committee's mission is to pursue initiatives that will reveal common ground for finding truth, clarity, understanding, and progress on issues of importance in a civil manner that do not require compromise of fundamental principles.

Congressional Management Foundation (CMF) is dedicated to helping Congress meet the evolving needs and expectations of an engaged and informed citizenry. Focusing on improving congressional operations and citizen engagement through research, publications, training, and management services.

Convergence is a national non-profit that convenes leaders with diverse or conflicting views to build trust, identify solutions, and form alliances for action on critical national issues achieving outcomes through facilitated dialogue and long-term relationship building.

Davenport Institute helping solve California's public problems by promoting citizen participation in governance. We work with city governments, special districts, regional governance associations, and non-profit organizations.

Democracy Works and their signature program, **Turbo Vote**, is a team of software developers, public policy wonks, and civic organizers dedicated to the idea that voting should fit the way we live. Our vision is straightforward: make voting a simple, seamless experience for all Americans so that no one misses an election.

DEPLOY/US plays a unique role in the climate and energy landscape, connecting and empowering leaders and concerned citizens across the political spectrum who share our goal of pragmatic, pro-growth solutions.

Digital Citizen's mission is to help Americans gain a place, as citizens, among the experts, leaders and pundits who take part in public policy dialogue. Our personal media has combined with mass media to forge a new landscape of participation.

Essential Partners invites us each to discover and re-discover the core of who we are and what we value. Grounded in our own truth, we can find both the courage and the generosity to listen to those we have considered our enemies. (formerly Public Conversations Project)

FairVote researches and proposes common sense changes to strengthen our democracy and ensure all voices are heard and every vote counts in every election. Read more about our story, our staff and opportunities to support our work.

Future 500 envisions a world that realizes sustainable economic growth by addressing social and environmental externalities with market-based solutions. They collaborate on broad systemic change finding that uncommon ideas can reveal uncommon solutions.

Generation Citizen (GC) works to ensure that every student in the United States receives an effective action civics education, which provides them with the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in our democracy as active citizens.

Healthy Democracy is a nonpartisan organization that works to elevate the voice of citizens and to improve political discourse for the benefit of all voters. Our signature program brings groups of citizens together to fairly evaluate ballot questions.

icitizen is a nonpartisan civic engagement app that facilitates open communication and collaboration between citizens and their elected leaders to shape the policies that affect their lives.

iCivics exists to engage students in meaningful civic learning. We provide civics teachers well-written, inventive, and free resources that enhance their practice and inspire their classrooms, ensuring every student receives a high-quality civic education.

Illinois Humanities works to build dialogue across all sectors of society to examine issues important to democracy in the focus areas of public policy, media & journalism, business, and art. Using the humanities as tools to stimulate discussion, we create experiences across Illinois through programming, events, and grant making to engage a diverse public on ideas and issues that matter.

Independent Voting Project's mission is to create an environment where non-partisan voters can participate actively and effectively in local, regional, state and federal public policy decisions and to provide voters with politically neutral, accurate, and reliable information.

Independent Americans United promotes open primaries, redistricting reform not driven by politicians and equity in ballot access and fundraising rules for all political candidates disrupting the way politics is played and supporting greater diversity.

Independent Voting's mission is to develop a movement of independent voters for progressive post-partisan reform of the American political process. Independents seek to diminish the influence of parties and partisanship by opening up the democratic process.

Institute for American Values (IAV) aims to end our culture wars. Ending culture wars does not mean putting an end to disagreements. Nor does it, or should it, mean splitting every issue down the middle. But it does mean putting an end to the paradigm of polarization.

The Institute for Civility in Government (ICG) is an organization that is building civility in a society that all too often seems tilted toward uncivil speech and actions. We do not endorse any political candidate, nor do we take a position on any issue. We are about process, not positions.

Institute for Cultural Evolution has a mission to apply groundbreaking insights taken from Integral philosophy, developmental psychology, evolutionary theory, and the social sciences to help create significant forward movement in the evolution of the cultural and political landscape.

Institute for Local Government promotes good government at the local level with practical resources for California communities. Aiming to assist local leaders to govern effectively and ethically, work collaboratively and foster healthy and sustainable communities.

Jefferson Center is a nonpartisan nonprofit that engages Americans directly to solve shared challenges and craft better policy. Our mission is to strengthen democracy by advancing informed, citizen-developed solutions to challenging public issues. While the primary tool they employ for education and deliberation is the [Citizens Jury](#), we are continuously designing, testing, and exploring new methods of high quality, inclusive engagement.

Liberty and Access for All (L+A) is a new nonpartisan/ transpartisan nonprofit in Washington DC dedicated to training, mentoring and developing the next generation of leaders from the traditionally underrepresented and communities of color.

The Liberty Coalition is concerned about the threat to fundamental and inalienable rights. We work in conjunction with groups of partner organizations that are interested in preserving the Bill of Rights, personal autonomy and individual privacy.

Living Room Conversations enable people to come together through their social networks, as friends to engage in a self-guided conversation about an agreed upon topic. Typically conversations have self-identified co-hosts who hold differing views.

Mediators Foundation's mission is to foster global leadership for a peaceful, just and sustainable world by identifying, supporting and connecting visionary leaders working in the best interests of our small planet catalyzing civic and educational projects.

Millennial Action Project has an audacious mission: re-establish political cooperation across parties and defeat polarization and gridlock that are holding back our government and country. Our generation has a unique opportunity to forge a new path and lead our nation into the future, which is why MAP is committed to activating our nation's youngest generation of leaders and lawmakers.

National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation is a network of more than 2,200 innovators who bring people together across divides to discuss, decide, and take action together effectively on today's toughest issues serving as a gathering place.

National Foundation for Women Legislators, since 1938, NFWL has served as a forum for elected women from across the country to be empowered through information and experience. As the oldest organization for elected women in America and the ONLY one that includes women on the city, county and state levels, we encourage our members to take leadership roles and form connections across the aisle. We know that only by working together, can we achieve our goals.

National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD) supports a congress and executive branch capable of working to solve the big issues facing our country, a media that informs and engages our citizens, and demands civil discourse and a government that works in the best interests of the country as a whole.

New Hampshire Listens is a civic engagement initiative of the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire. Since 2011, they have worked at the local and state level to support civil, public deliberation of complex issues.

Nonprofit VOTE partners with America's nonprofits to help the people they serve participate and vote. We are the largest source of nonpartisan resources to help nonprofits integrate voter engagement into their ongoing activities and services.

OpenGov bridges the gap between citizens and government. They build the tools that power lawmaking for modern democracy. Their software, coalition-building and events are designed to change the culture of government. Everything OpenGov create is free and open source.

Open Primaries' mission is to advocate for open and nonpartisan primary systems, counter efforts to impose closed primaries, educate voters, train and support spokespeople, and participate in the building of local, state and national open primaries coalitions.

Participatory Budgeting Project is an organization that empowers people to decide together how to spend public money. They create and support participatory budgeting processes that deepen democracy and make public budgets more equitable and effective.

ProCon.org is a nonpartisan public charity providing free professionally-researched pro, con, and related information on more than 50 controversial issues from gun control and death penalty to illegal immigration and alternative energy.

Project On Government Oversight (POGO) is a nonpartisan independent watchdog that champions good government reforms. POGO's investigations into corruption, misconduct, and conflicts of interest achieve a more effective, accountable, open, and ethical federal government.

Public Agenda helps diverse leaders and citizens navigate divisive, complex issues and work together to find solutions. Through research and public engagement, we provide the insights, tools and support people need to build common ground and arrive at solutions.

Purple America's mission is to highlight the shared values that unite us as Americans. We are creating new forums to share our beliefs, engage young people in meaningful dialogue, and connect all through the discovery and celebration of our shared ideals.

Reclaim the American Dream is an informational gateway aimed at helping people who are upset about America today to get engaged in fixing our democracy and making our economy fairer at the local level, where people power still has clout.

Reconsider is nurturing the steady growth of sensible, curious political conversations among the middle ground of politics without being drowned out by extremes. These conversations will help us to make better decisions and propel the world forward.

Represent.US is building a non-partisan movement to pass tough anti-corruption laws in cities and states across America, and end the legalized corruption that has come to define modern politics. Our system should not require people to buy access to their own government.

Run for America (RFA) is a citizen-powered movement to reimagine politics, reinvigorate government, and restore the promise of America for the 21st century. RFA strategically recruits, trains, and works to elect a new generation of leaders to Congress.

State Legislative Leaders Foundation was born out of the legislative reform era in the 1970's. SLLF is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to the professional development of all Senate Presidents, Speakers of the House, Majority Leaders, Minority Leaders, and Pro Tempore. All SLLF programs focus on two categories: strengthening leadership skills and examining critical public policy issues.

Stronger U.S. envisions an America in which all citizens have access to the middle class and the American Dream; with a responsive government; in which everyone does their fair share and plays their part. We are building a stronger U.S. by building a stronger us.

Sustained Dialogue Institute helps people to transform conflictual relationships and design change processes around the world. We define dialogue as "listening deeply enough to be changed by what you learn." Sustained Dialogue develops leaders able to transform differences into the strong relationship essential to effective decision-making, democratic governance, and peace.

Take Back Our Republic believes that individual participation in the American political system is the best way to preserve and strengthen our liberty. We engage in research, education, and advocacy about returning political power to individuals.

Tax Revolution Institute is a non-partisan organization committed to promoting transparency, accountability and integrity at all levels of the U.S. tax system, while researching and developing simple and innovative tax reform solutions to advance freedom and prosperity for all Americans.

TechCongress gives talented technologists the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in federal policymaking and shape the future of tech policy through a one-year Congressional Innovation Fellowship with a Member of Congress or Congressional Committee.

TheChisel educates, entertains, engages, and empowers. TheChisel is a ground-breaking social media tool to enable citizens' voices to be heard over the noise of special interest groups and media spin. Every American can engage in dialogue and help revise public policy proposals from nonpartisan organizations and bipartisan coalitions on issues important to America's future.

The Democracy Commitment (TDC) is a national initiative dedicated to the cause of democracy in higher education, and to make democratic skills available to all individuals who desire a voice and a seat at the table of local, state, and national discourse and action.

The Pluribus Project is building the political power of the many by cultivating an alternative path to electoral victory that incentivizes our elected officials to advance broad public interests, not just those of wealthy elites or partisan extremes.

The Village Square grows vibrant civil discourse across the partisan divide by building relationships across political, cultural, racial and religious divides among citizens inside their community and has expanded to six cities across America.

The United States Association of Former Members of Congress (USAFMC) utilizes the skill sets of its 600 members to provide pro bono programs and initiatives both at home and abroad. Using the expertise of its membership, FMC has created programs to educate, assist, and support Congress domestically and internationally.

Voice Of the People (VOP) is an organization that seeks to re-anchor our democracy in its founding principles by giving 'We the People' a greater role in government. VOP seeks to give the American people a more effective voice in the policymaking process.

