



STATE INNOVATION EXCHANGE

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Monday, December 5

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Breakfast Plenary: Post-Election Briefing (program starts at 8:45)	Regency
10:15 am – 11:30 am	Race in America, Post-Election	Regency
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Election Reform: Expanding Voter Participation	Regency
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch Keynote Address: U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren & Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder	Regency
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Breakouts 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Climate Justice and the Clean Energy Economy	Executive
	Proactive and Defensive LGBTQ Issues in the States	Palladian
	Coordinating Cities and States to Resist the Trump Agenda	Congressional A&B
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	Breaking the Cycle of Predatory Debt Traps	Congressional A&B
	Reframing Regulatory Enforcement	Executive
	Reproductive Rights in 2017: State Expectations in Our New National Context	Palladian
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<i>Break</i>	
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Dinner & Reception - Keynote Address: U.S. Representative Keith Ellison, Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha & U.S. Senator Cory Booker	Ambassador



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

MONDAY, December 5

Breakfast Plenary: Post-Election Briefing 8:00 - 10:00 am *Regency Ballroom*

Speakers: [Mod] Nick Rathod, *Executive Director, SiX*
David Brock, *Founder, Media Matters, Correct the Record, and American Bridge*
Anna Greenberg, Ph.D, *Senior Vice President, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research*
Assembly Speaker-designate Jason Frierson, *Nevada*

The 2016 election should, if anything, serve as a wake-up call for progressives. A devastating loss at the top of the ticket was accompanied by many defeats at the congressional level. In the states, conservatives now have historic control of governorships, state attorney general offices, and legislatures. Progressives must chart a new path forward, which now more than ever must center on the states. However, in order to prepare to fight back, it is important to first understand what happened. This panel, moderated by SiX Executive Director Nick Rathod, aims to do that by providing a view of this election from multiple vantage points. The discussion will begin with David Brock, founder of Media Matters, American Bridge, and Correct the Record, who is also an expert on the web of corporate political spending on behalf of conservatives. He will be followed by Anna Greenberg of Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research - one of the nation's preeminent polling firms - who will help us understand many of the underlying forces and long-term trends that led to these results. And finally, we will conclude on a high note by hearing from Nevada Assembly Speaker-designate Jason Frierson, who helped lead his own





state back from devastating political losses suffered just two years ago (progressives took control of both legislative chambers in the 2016 election) and is now working with his colleagues to prepare for progressive action in Carson City.

Race in America, Post-Election 10:15 - 11:30 am Regency Ballroom

Speakers: [Mod] Deepa Iyer, *Senior Fellow, Center for Social Inclusion*

Dante Barry, *Executive Director, Million Hoodies Movement for Justice*

Marielena Hincapié, *Executive Director, National Immigration Law Center*

Rashida Tlaib, *Attorney for Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice; Soros Government Fellow; former Michigan state representative*

Dorian Warren, *Roosevelt Institute Fellow, MSNBC contributor*

For many people, Trump's presidency signals a "whitelash" against President Obama, against the Black Lives Matter movement, against immigrants, against Muslims, against all black and brown people. Now, more than ever, we need to have a conversation around race, violence, and systems of structural racism in the United States. As legislators, you have a platform to shape this conversation and play a role in working towards real policy reform. This session will provide a space for legislators to explore the wide-reaching effects of racial inequality in our institutions and social structures — while being joined by policy experts and leaders from racial justice movements. It will also offer an opportunity to begin thinking about how policymakers can work with racial justice





movements to achieve real change through understanding and establishing a common agenda.

Election Reform: Expanding Voter Participation

11:45 am - 12:45 pm *Regency Ballroom*

Speakers: [Mod] Sean Hinga, *Program Director, SiX*
Andrew Baumann, *Senior Vice President, Global Strategy Group*
Sen. Sara Gelser, *Oregon*
Phil Keisling, *former Oregon Secretary of State*
Rep. Chris Pearson, *Vermont*

Improvements in technology and government efficiency have allowed for new policies that enfranchise voters and facilitate greater voter participation. These new reforms are not partisan and help protect the fundamental right of every eligible American – Democrat, Republican, or Independent – to have their voice heard. In this session, panelists will discuss several reforms that are improving our election systems in the states. Automatic voter registration will modernize our voting systems to save time and money, strengthen security, and protect the right of all Americans to participate in our democracy. Furthermore, policies like increased mail ballot access, where voters can take the time to research candidates and issues and vote from home, have shown increased participation across the country.

Lunch 12:45 - 2:00 pm *Regency Ballroom*

Speakers: U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, *Massachusetts*
U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, *California*
Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder





Climate Justice and the Clean Energy Economy 2:45 - 4:00 pm

Executive Room

Speakers: [Mod] Mandela Barnes, *Deputy Director of Strategic Engagement, SiX*
Sydney Snow, *Director of Strategic Engagement, Green for All*
Jordan Esteveao, *Senior Strategist, PeoplesAction*
Rep. Cory Mason, *Chair, Great Lakes Legislative Caucus*

This session will include data and talking points on how climate change and dirty fossil fuel generation disproportionately impact frontline communities (and will continue to do so), as well as climate messaging relevant to communities of color. It will highlight best practices around engaging with communities of color and environmental justice advocates.

Proactive and Defensive LGBTQ Issues in the States 2:45 - 4:00 pm

Palladian

Speakers: [Mod] Chris Cormier Maggiano, *President, Cormier & Co.*
Andrew Peters, *State Policy Manager, GLSEN*
Kylar Broadus, *Freedom for All Americans*
Sarah Warbelow, *Legal Director, Human Rights Campaign*
Rep. Chris Sgro, *Executive Director, Equality North Carolina*

Preventing discrimination against transgender and gender nonconforming Americans is a fundamental issue of equality that will be front and center in political, social, and legal debates in 2017. Bathroom access is poised to become a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. Following the infamous lead of North Carolina, many state legislatures will likely see more bills aimed at discriminating against transgender people and the LGBTQ





community more broadly. To be prepared to stand up for the rights of all LGBTQ Americans, lawmakers not only need to be equipped with policy tools – they should also be prepared to engage in a discussion about the realities facing their transgender constituents and the spectrum of diversity in the LGBTQ community. In this session, lawmakers will learn basic information about the day-to-day experiences of transgender people, strategies for defeating legislative attacks against the transgender and broader LGBTQ community, and proactive policies to protect and create safe spaces for all Americans – regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

Coordinating Cities and States to Resist the Trump Agenda

2:45 - 4:00 pm *Congressional A & B*

Speakers: [Mod] Brad Lander, *NYC Council*

Elizabeth Glidden, *Minneapolis City Council*

Sen. Scott Dibble, *Minnesota*

Sen. Gustavo Rivera, *New York*

Helen Gym, *Philadelphia City Council*

Rep.-elect Chris Rabb, *Pennsylvania*

The rise of President-elect Trump has shaken progressives to the core. Foundational commitments to opportunity, democracy, diversity, inclusion, equity, and fairness at the federal level are in jeopardy. It is time for progressives to think differently about how we strategically engage and govern in this country. From core issues ranging from the inclusion of immigrants in our society to building a fair economy, we have already made significant progress far from Washington at the state and local level. Today, that work to change our society and economy from the ground up is more crucial than ever.

This session will explore ways in which local and state officials





can increase coordination, both to stand in opposition to the radical aims of a Trump administration and conservative-controlled Congress and to advance a progressive vision for states and cities that fights back against discrimination, stands up for people who work hard, and builds an economy that gives everyone an opportunity to succeed. The panel will feature case studies with both local and state elected officials talking about opportunities for collaboration (those that have been successful, missed opportunities in retrospect, opportunities moving forward, etc.) between states and localities on a range of issues, including the increasing phenomenon of state preemption of local control.

Story-Based Communications Training 2:45 - 4:00 pm *Diplomat*

Speakers: Rep. Faith Winter, Colorado

Rep. Brittany Pettersen, Majority Deputy Whip, Colorado

For legislators working to advance and defend a progressive agenda in the states, good policymaking and effective communications typically go hand-in-hand. Led by Colorado state Reps. Faith Winter and Brittany Pettersen - who are both legislative champions for working families in their state - this session will walk participants through the core elements and strategies for building trust and effectively communicating your message and agenda through a values-based frame.

Supporting Sexual Assault Survivors Through State Legislation

4:15 - 5:30 pm *Diplomat*

Speakers: [Mod] Karen Moldovan, Associate Legislative Director, SiX

Sen. Morgan Carroll, Colorado

Ilse Knecht, Director of Policy & Advocacy, Joyful Heart Foundation

Amanda Nguyen, Founder & Director, Rise

Terri Poore, Policy Director, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence





This session will provide an overview of recent state statutory reforms that impact response, care, and services for survivors of sexual violence. It will address ways in which this advocacy-driven and survivor-led movement is changing states' statutory landscape, in order to ensure greater survivor access to the criminal justice system, as well as no-cost medical care and advocacy services. The session will highlight potential legislative advances that are of high priority to the advocates and survivors leading this work, including, but not limited to: a "Survivors' Bill of Rights," rape kit testing reform, eliminating or extending statute of limitations, school and campus-based prevention and intervention, anonymous reporting, and ensuring a survivor-centered response. Panelists will also discuss communications, messaging, and how to build alliances to succeed in championing this timely issue.

Breaking the Cycle of Predatory Debt Traps 4:15 - 5:30 pm *Congressional A & B*

Speakers: [Mod] Ezekiel Gorrocino, Government Relations and Policy Associate, Center for Responsible Lending
Whitney Barkley-Denny, Policy Counsel, Center for Responsible Lending
Rep. Matt Lesser, Connecticut
Rep. Reginald Bolding, Arizona

For-profit colleges, payday lenders, and debt collectors drain billions of dollars a year from hardworking people. States play a critical role in protecting against these practices and keeping money in people's pockets. The role of states is heightened in light of the new political landscape. Hear from legislators and technical experts who have advanced such legislation in the states.





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Reframing Regulatory Enforcement 4:15 - 5:30 pm *Executive*

Speakers: [Mod] Sam Munger, *Director of Strategic Engagement & Senior Advisor, SiX*

Sen. Rebekah Warren, *Michigan*

Daniel Gotoff, *Partner, Lake Research Partners*

Robert Weissman, *Public Citizen*

This panel will talk about ways to counteract the anti-regulatory themes – “job-killing,” “sea of red tape,” etc. – so prominent in the media and public conversation today, and provide more insight to elected leaders and others on what types of messages and language move voters. We will highlight new research on voters’ reactions to politicians talking about enforcing reasonable government regulations versus job-killing regulations. You will also hear from Michigan legislators about the Flint water crisis, the impact of that event on their state, and the regulatory failings that led up to it.

Reproductive Rights 4:15 - 5:30 pm *Palladian*

Speakers: Ravina Daphtary, *Director of State Strategies, All Above All*

Kelly Baden, *Director of State Advocacy, Center for Reproductive Rights*

Rachel Sussman, *Director of State Policy and Advocacy, Planned Parenthood Federation of America*

Rep. Daneya Esgar, *Colorado*

Despite 2016’s game-changing Supreme Court decision on abortion rights, state legislators should be prepared for more attempts to attack reproductive freedom generally and Planned Parenthood in particular. This session will provide an overview of the state policy landscape on issues of reproductive rights





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and access to care, how federal attention on abortion rights may embolden states, and how advocates and legislators are mobilizing at the local and state levels to fight back.

Dinner & Reception 6:30 - 9:00 pm *Ambassador*

Speakers: Sen. Cory Booker, *New Jersey*

U.S. Congressman Keith Ellison, *Minnesota*

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, *public health advocate,
pediatrician, and champion during Flint water crisis*

