



Post-Election Philanthropy: Votes, Values and Vision

December 17-18, 2012

Washington, DC

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Monday, December 17, 2012

8:30am **Networking Breakfast**

9:00am **Welcome and Introductions**

9:15am **Implications of the Lame Duck Session for Vulnerable Families, Workers and Communities**

The lame duck period following the elections and the first few months of the 113th Congress - dubbed "Taxmageddon" or "the fiscal cliff" by pundits - will have the federal government involved in a set of debates that will have profound and lasting consequences for all Americans, especially low-income families and children. This session will explore the range of issues the lame-duck Congress will take up, including automatic spending cuts set to take place as part of last summer's debt ceiling deal, as well the expiration of the Bush and Obama tax cuts.

- **Bob Greenstein**, President, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

10:00am **Implications of National Elections for Vulnerable Families, Workers and Communities**

A panel of experts will discuss the outcomes of the national elections and what it suggests in terms of short- and long-term opportunities and challenges facing families and communities across the nation.

- **Melody Barnes**, Chair, Aspen Forum for Community Solutions, The Aspen Institute; Vice Provost for Global Student Leadership Initiatives, and Senior Fellow at the Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, New York University; CEO, Melody Barnes Solutions, LLC
- **Jared Bernstein**, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

- **Ron Haskins**, Co-Director, Center on Children and Families, Budgeting for National Priorities, and Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution

11:00am

Break

11:15am

Implications of State Elections for Vulnerable Families, Workers and Communities

A panel of experts will discuss the outcomes of the state and local elections and what it suggests in terms of short- and long-term opportunities and challenges facing families and communities in the states.

- **Sheri Steisel**, Senior Federal Affairs Counsel and Senior Director, Human Services and Welfare Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures (Moderator)
- **Ann Pratt**, Executive Director, Progressive States Network
- **Scott McCown**, Executive Director, Texas Center for Public Policy Priorities
- **Naomi Walker**, Director of State Government Relations and Deputy Director of Government Affairs, AFL-CIO

12:30pm

Luncheon Presentation

- **EJ Dionne**, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Syndicated Columnist for the *Washington Post*, and Professor, Foundations of Democracy and Culture, Georgetown University
- **Michael Gerson**, Visiting Fellow at the Center for Public Justice, Syndicated Columnist for the *Washington Post* and Policy Fellow, ONE Campaign

2:00pm

Roundtable Discussions on What This Means for Our Work

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Several concurrent roundtable discussions will be offered to enable grantmakers to delve more deeply into the impact of the election on specific issues.



1. **Reducing Poverty and Increasing Opportunity** (sponsored by Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce): The recent recession and slow recovery have taken a toll on both publicly and privately-funded services and supports to low income families and workers. Recent data show that a record number of Americans are living in poverty, with 46.2 million people living below the federal poverty level. Reducing poverty and increasing opportunity have been at the forefront of the 2012 elections, headlining federal and state campaigns and debates. Join this roundtable discussion to talk with key strategists about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and how the new Administration and Congress will approach key poverty and opportunity policies (such as TANF reauthorization, SNAP, and work supports) in 2013.



2. **The New State of Children, Youth and Families** (sponsored by Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families): Our ailing economy has significantly affected almost everyone in this great nation. For some, it was their 401k that took a hit or their stock portfolio that tumbled, and for many it was a sharp decrease in the value of their homes. Many must now accept significantly reduced wages to simply stay employed. This new economic reality has been difficult for all Americans to endure. It has reduced the middle class and expanded the number of poor, but the impact on racial and ethnic minorities has been disproportionate and even devastating. It is no secret that stagnant or declining wages, declining homeownership and high unemployment rates for these populations are directly tied to the increase in poverty in communities of color. Join this roundtable discussion to explore where the most vulnerable populations – immigrants, men and boys of color, and young children – go from here and gain insights as to how they will fair in the new Administration.



3. **Health Policy and Politics: What's Possible Now** (sponsored by Grantmakers In Health): What are the implications of the November elections for the nation's most pressing and challenging health care issues? Join this roundtable discussion to talk with seasoned health policy strategists about what the elections mean for the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, Medicare, and the Children's Health Insurance Program. We'll discuss the current perspectives and priorities of policymakers in both parties, and engage in a bit of action planning, charting out the numerous roles philanthropy might play in helping to inform reform.



4. **Federal and State Support for Asset Building and Economic Mobility** (sponsored by the Assets Funders Network): Asset building ideas and strategies are gaining traction across the country. From the development of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to the emergence of state asset building coalitions advancing innovative approaches to promote economic security, elected officials at both the local and state level are paying attention. Join leading policy experts from CFED and the New America Foundation for a roundtable discussion about asset building policy opportunities and challenges in 2013 and beyond. Grantmakers interested in advancing poverty alleviation, economic opportunity, and economic security are invited to learn about and discuss what the 2012 national and state elections means for asset building and economic mobility strategies. From proven antipoverty programs like the EITC to new asset development strategies like savings accounts at birth, join us to discuss where there may be opportunities for individual and collective action.



5. **Economic Justice and Worker Rights** (sponsored by NFG Working Group on Labor and Community): "Don't bet against the American worker" -- we heard it again and again during the campaign. But what does the new landscape mean for workers moving forward and for advocates' ability to defend the right to bargain collectively, raise the minimum wage, limit abusive employer practices and address record income inequality? We'll hear from leading experts on what happened -- and what's in store -- in the states and on the possibilities in municipalities and the new Congress.



6. **The Future of Workforce Policy** (sponsored by Workforce Matters): The Workforce Investment Act, enacted in 1998, has yet to ever be reauthorized. Year after year new bills and amendments have been touted and the most recent set of proposals included consolidating 33 programs into four. Amidst the uncertainties, one thing is certain, the federal workforce system needs a major overhaul in order to help workers and employers face new economic realities as much has changed over the past 14 years. Join workforce funders for a big picture conversation about reimagining how the workforce system in the U.S. should work. Share your experiences as a funder about what you think works, what doesn't and what a new federal investment blueprint should look like.

3:30pm

Break

3:45pm

Reflections and Opportunities for Investments and Cross-sectoral Collaboration

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Participants will share key learnings from the roundtable sessions and discuss implications for the field of philanthropy.

4:45pm

Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

5:00pm

Adjourn

6:00pm

Dinner Program (TBD)

Tuesday, December 18, 2008

8:30am **Networking Breakfast**

8:45am **Welcome and Reflections**

9:00am **Implications of Elections for Communications Strategies**

A panel of experts will explore the election outcomes and what they suggest in terms of opportunities and challenges for strategic communications and messaging. This session will include a discussion on which messages played well, for which populations and what this means for our work.

- [Celinda Lake](#), President, Lake Research Partners
- [Meg Bostrom](#), Founder, Public Knowledge & Topos Partnership
- [Alan Jenkins](#), Executive Director, Opportunity Agenda

10:30am **Break**

10:45am **Reflections and Opportunities for Individual and Collective Action**

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This strategy session will engage participants in a conversation about the information learned during the Briefing and its implications for communications work currently being undertaken and work that funders can do individually and collaboratively, including through the Communications Collaborative, a project of GIST, GCYF and GIST. The Collaborative is a growing network of 30 grantmakers representing national and regional foundations interested in coordinating investments to build communications capacity in the field.

12:30pm **Adjourn**