memorandum to Leader Nancy Pelosi

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To: Leader Nancy Pelosi   
Fr: Missy Kurek (315)373-9560   
Dt: Thursday, September 12, 2013   
RE: Democracy Alliance & Fund for the Republic: Money in Politics Reform   
 Reception & Dinner

**DATE:** Thursday, September 12, 2013

**LOCATION:** W Hotel

Altitude Ball Room – Roof Top  
 515 15th Street NW  
 Washington, DC 20004

**EVENT TIME:** Cocktail Reception: 5:30pm-6:30pm   
Dinner: 6:30pm-9:00pm

**Staff:** Missy Kurek (315) 373-9560

**Advance**: Mary-Kate Barry (703) 625-6805

**Contact:** Ryan Rodriquez, Democracy Alliance, 202.689.4425

**Attire:**  Business   
  
**Attendees:** 85 - 100 people

**VIP Attendees:**   
President Mary Kay Henry, SEIU  
Arnie Hiatt & Marcia Morris  
Roy Spence, GSD&M

Vin Ryan

Cynthia Ryan

**Background:** The Democracy Alliance and Fund for the Republic/Action for the Republic are co-sponsoring a two day donor summit in Washington, DC titled “Democracy: A Call to Action on Money-in-Politics Reform”. This two day conference will include panels, workshops and conversations designed to ignite new ideas, energy and funding that will make money-in-politics reform a central issue the in 2014 elections and beyond.

The Democracy Alliance and Fund for the Republic have invited their high level donors, prospective high level donors and leaders in the money-in-politics reform community to participate in this summit.

Tonight’s event is a cocktail reception and dinner for the summit guests. **Per the request of Arnie Hiatt, you are the guest speaker at the dinner.** There will be a cocktail reception before the dinner from 5:30pm-6:30pm with no speaking program. Dinner will be from 6:30pm-9:00pm. You are slated to speak at 8:00pm. There will be a lucite podium to speak from at the front of the room on a stage. There is no teleprompter. There will be a screen on either side of the stage that has the summit logo on it that reads: “Democracy: A Call to Action on Money-in-Politics Reform”.

When dessert is served around 7:55pm, staff will escort Mr. Hiatt and you side-stage where you will be both be wired with a lapel microphone. Once dessert has been fully served, Mr. Hiatt will go to the podium to introduce you. You have been asked to make 10 minute remarks followed by 10-15 minute question and answer session.

This event and the entire 2 day summit are closed to the press.

You will be seated at Table #2 with:

Arnold Hiatt

Marcia Morris

Paul Boskind

Vin Ryan

Cynthia Ryan

Sarah Johnson Redlich

Tim Rockwood

Doug Edwards

**Timeline:**  
5:30pm Cocktail portion of the evening begins

6:30pm Cocktails end. Guests are seated for dinner.   
  
6:45pm Welcome remarks by Julie Kohler, Managing Director, Democracy Alliance

7:00pm Break in program for salad service followed by entrée service.

7:55pm Dessert is served and Arnie Hiatt comes to stage and introduces You.

8:00pm You make remarks. (10 minutes requested)

8:10pm You begin Q&A. (15 minutes requested) NOTE: Arnie Hiatt or Julie Kohler will come back on stage to help facilitate Q&A with you.

8:25pm Q&A ends.

8:30pm Julie Kohler thanks everyone for attending and closes speaking program.  
  
9:00pm Dinner concludes

**Attendees of NOTE:   
  
Frank Smith – Frank is a political consultant in LA who has taken over for Marge Tabankin working for Barbra Streisand. In August, Barbra signed an email for the DCCC per your request that raised over $65,000 for the DCCC.   
  
Top Prospect Targets: (never given to DCCC):**

* **Sarah Redlich**: Hillsborough, CA – Sarah is the daughter of Franklin Templeton founder/SF Giants owner, Charles Johnson, and is a philanthropist and recently has started to finance movies in Hollywood. She has limited political giving but has maxed to Jackie Speier this cycle. **Top target for FLOTUS/SF event on Oct. 13th . Her husband Tim Rockwood, is also attending**
* **Weston Milliken**, Los Angeles, CA – Obama VF max prospect, also makes large ($25k+) contributions to LGBT VF, DGA. He is the President of CUE Consulting. He is the son of Roger Milliken who was a billionaire South Carolina textile magnate.  He is the brother of **2012 SPC member** Nancy Milliken from San Francisco. **Target for our LA POTUS event on Nov. 22nd.**

**HMP Note:** In the 2012 cycle, Weston contributed $20,000 to the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, as well as $60,000 to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, $50,000 to the DGA and $10,000 the DAG.

* **Chris Findlater** – Lives in Miami Beach, Cheyenne, WY and Seattle, WA.

You met with Chris in June 2010 to discuss his support for the DCCC but he was unable to give at that time. He gave $7,600 to the DCCC through a 2009 House Senate Victory Fund event in Miami. Chris has the capacity to join your Speaker’s Cabinet and the capacity to raise large additional contributions from his mother and brother. Chris has given maximum contributions to the DNC and DSCC and gave $25,000 to American Bridge PAC in 2011 and $45,000 to Priorities USA in 2012.

**Top target for Seattle POTUS event on Nov. 21st.**

**HMP Note:** Chris contributed $10,000 to House Majority PAC in 2012. Chris also contributed $45,000 to Priorities USA and $25,000 to Bridge in 2012, as well as $10,000 to America Vote Action Fund.

* **Fran and Charles Rodgers**, Boston, MA –Franis the chair of [WFD, Inc.](http://www.wfd.com/) She founded WFD (formerly Work/Family Directions) in 1983 for the purpose of assisting corporations in igniting and sustaining employee commitment. WFD was a pioneer in developing a new generation of employee benefits and services especially addressing the needs of women. Charles is president of New Community Fund, is actively engaged in a variety of non-profit and civic organizations in Boston Trained as a labor economist, he has been a frequent advisor to senior management on strategies to create a high commitment workplace and on measures linking employee commitment to business outcomes. In 1997, Charles was named one of the 25 most influential working fathers by *Working Mother Magazine*.

**NOTE:** You left a message for them for the Cape event and asked for $10k. They were unable to attend. Charles contributed $20,000 to Priorities USA in 2012 and Fran contributed $25,000 to the Progressive Majority in 2012. **Top target for Boston POTUS event on October 30th.**

**HMP Note:** In the 2012 cycle, Fran contributed $25,000 to Planned Parenthood Votes, $40,000 to Bridge $15,000 to EMILY’s List and $25,000 to Progressive Majority. Charles contributed $10,000 to CREDO Super PAC, $10,000 to Progressive Change and $20,000 to Priorities USA. In 2010, Fran contributed $10,000 to EMILY’s List and $25,000 to Progressive Majority. Charles also contributed $30,000 to Progressive Majority.

* **Sam Heins** Minneapolis, MN – Sam is a trial attorney in MN at the firm Heins, Mills, and Olson. He and his wife, Staci Mills (named partner at the firm), raised $185,758 for President Obama last year. He and his wife, who is not attending, could easily complete SPC. . **Top target for Minneapolis event on October 6th.**
* **Cem Karsan** Chicago, IL – Cem is the founder and managing partner of Aegea Capital Management. He has limited political giving but specifically gives to Turkish Coalition USA and Turkish American Heritage PACs. **Could raise $50k through his network, possible lead for a Turkish American event in Chicago.**
* **Scott Wallace**, Bethesda, MD - Henry Scott Wallace is a member of the Board of Directors for the Wallace Global Foundation.  He is the grandson of former Vice President Henry A. Wallace.  During the 2012 election cycle, both Scott and his wife, Christy Wallace, contributed $75,800 each for a total of $151,600 to the Obama Victory Fund**.  In 2012, Scott also contributed $50,000 to American Bridge Super PAC.  In 2008, Scott contributed $30,000 to the Obama campaign.**  In 2007, Scott contributed $20,000 to the Young Democrats of America.  Scott last contributed to the DCCC in 2001 with a one-time donation of $500.

**2013 SPC Renewal Targets:**

* **Doug Edwards**: San Francisco, CA – Said he would consider renewing SPC in 2013 later in the year. **Top target for FLOTUS October 13th event in SF.**

**HMP Note:** Doug has contributed $10,000 to America Votes in 2013. Doug attended the August 11,2012 House Majority PAC dinner with his wife, Kristen. In the 2012 cycle, Doug contributed $40,000 to Bridge and $25,000 to Majority PAC. Ali Lapp met with Doug in California on August 15, 2013.

* **Anne Bartley**: San Francisco, CA – Has not renewed SPC this cycle. Said she would only contribute to an event she could attend. **Top target for FLOTUS October 13th event in SF. HMP Note:** Anne contributed $15,000 to EMILY’s List in 2012. In 2011, Anne contributed $100,000 to America’s Families First.
* **Robert McKay**: San Francisco, CA – lapsed Speaker’s Cabinet from 2007

**HMP Note**: In the 2012 cycle, Rob contributed $100,000 to American Bridge, $100,000 to Priorities USA and $50,000 to Planned Parenthood Votes. In 2010, Rob contributed $100,000 to AFF and $50,000 to America Votes, and $26,000 to Progressive Majority.

* **Craig Newmark**: San Francisco, CA – Craig’s list founder and gave $5k for Steyer Reception in April with POTUS. Speaker’s Cabinet Capacity.
* **Paul Boskind**: New York, NY & San Antonio, TX. Paul is a psychologist and President/CEO and Owner of Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC. Paul is heavily involved in several national LGBT organizations and received a Tony Award as a producer of a ground-breaking AIDS drama, “The Normal Heart,” in 2011. In March 2013, Paul attended and contributed $5,000 to the DCCC for a reception hosted by Congressman Joaquin Castro and Henry Munoz. Paul is a longtime friend of Henry Munoz. **Paul contributed $30,800 to the DNC in 2012 and raised over $140,000 for President Obama in the 2012 cycle**. Paul has the capacity to join your Speaker’s Cabinet and the capacity to raise large amounts from his networks in Texas and New York.

**NOTE: Paul has committed to contribute and attend a DCCC LGBT Equality Council Breakfast in New York City on September 26th.**

**HMP Note**: Paul contributed $10,000 to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund in 2012.

* **Michael Kempner**: New York, NY, will be attending. Michael met with Chairman Israel in December of 2012 and expressed that he would likely be supportive again this year. In 2011 he raised his Speaker’s Cabinet membership through his wife, Jacqueline. **Target for NYC POTUS event on October 25th.**

**HMP Note:** Michael contributed $25,000 to Organizing for Action in 2013.

* **Jonathan Soros:** New York, NY - Jonathan is founder of the Super PAC “Friends of Democracy”, which aims to combat the influence of money in politics. Jonathan Soros is Chief Executive Officer of JS Capital Management LLC, a private investment firm. **His last contribution to the DCCC was in 2010 when he contributed $24,000 shortly before Election Day. Jonathan contributed a total of $14,500 to candidates, through the DCCC, on October 15, 2012.**

**2013 Speaker’s Cabinet/Supporters:**

* **Arnie Hiatt and Marcia Morris**: Boston, MA, Arnie has agreed to be one of the co-hosts for the October 30th Boston POTUS dinner. He previously had a DCCC dinner scheduled with you in September but opted to fold his event into the POTUS event on October 30th. Contributed $32,400

**HMP Note:** Arnie contributed $900,000 to House Majority PAC in October of 2012. Arnie also contributed $900,000 to Majority PAC, $25,000 to LCV and $25,000 to Bridge in 2012. Arnie attended the September 27, 2012 Democracy Alliance Luncheon with President Bill Clinton in New York City. Ali Lapp met with Arnie in Boston on March 4, 2013

* **Cynthia Ryan**: Washington, DC. Cynthia attended the Napa Issues Conference with Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. She has contributed $20,000 in 2013.

**HMP Note:** Cynthia raised $450,000 from her parents, Vin Ryan & Carla Meyer, for House Majority PAC in 2012. Cynthia attended the August 17, 2013 House Majority PAC Napa Dinner. Cynthia attended the Denver Presidential debate as your guest. Cynthia also attended the September 27, 2012 Democracy Alliance Luncheon in New York City with President Clinton and was instrumental in helping raise for that event. Cynthia attended the January 20, 2013 Thank You Reception at the home of Ambassador Esther Coopersmith. Ali Lapp met with Cynthia on Friday, March 22, 2013 in New York City.

* **Vin Ryan**: Boston, MA and Vero Beach, FL. Vin Ryan and wife, Carla Meyer, both contributed $30,800 in 2013 to become Speaker’s Cabinet members.

**HMP Note:** Vin contributed $450,000 to House Majority PAC in 2012. Vin also contributed $500,000 to Friends of Democracy in 2012, $56,000 to Rethink PAC, a Super PAC that was against Sen. Scott Brown in Massachusetts, $100,000 to Priorities USA and $350,000 to Majority PAC. In 2010, Vin contributed $250,000 to AFF and $22,500 to EMILY’s List

* **Emily Tisch Sussman**: Washington, DC, will be attending. Emily is Donald Sussman’s daughter and he raised her contribution of $32,400 this year.

**HMP Note:** Emily’s father, Donald Sussman, has contributed $350,000 to House Majority PAC in 2013. Donald contributed $1,150,000 to House Majority PAC in the 2012 cycle

* **David desJardin**: San Francisco, CA – 2013 Speaker’s Cabinet member through April POTUS SF event.

**HMP Note:** David contributed $50,000 to House Majority PAC in October of 2012. David contributed $100,000 to Bridge in 2013. In the 2012 cycle, David contributed $100,000 to Majority PAC, $100,000 to Priorities USA and $200,000 to Bridge.

* **Al Yates**: Fort Collins, CO –attending on behalf of Pat Stryker who is a 2013 SPC member

**HMP Note:** YOU met with Al on August 22, 2012 in Denver. Al and his wife, Ann, hosted a House Majority PAC briefing at their home on June 26, 2012 for Colorado Democracy Alliance Members. In 2012, House Majority PAC worked closely with Al and Pat Stryker on CO-07 (Perlmutter). Pat contributed $250,000 that was earmarked for the effort. During the 2012 cycle, Pat Stryker contributed $25,000 to America Votes Action Fund, $50,000 to DGA, $25,000 to EMILY’s List, $200,000 to Progressive Majority In the 2010 cycle, Pat contributed $385,000 to AFF and $75,000 to Women Vote!, $94,000 to America Votes 2006, $50,000 to DGA, $400,000 to Progressive Majority,

* **Patricia Bauman:** Washington D.C. - Patricia and her husband, Hon. John Bryant, are the Co-Directors of the Bauman Foundation. Since its inception, the Foundation has supported environmental health, toxics right to know, open government, and civic participation. It has also made special grants in health care and the arts. **Patricia & John contributed $20,000 to the DCCC through the July Reception hosted by Congresswoman Donna Edwards.** In 2012, Patricia & John contributed $10,000 to the DCCC through Congresswoman Edward’s annual reception. In 2011, Patricia contributed $5,000 to the DCCC through Congresswoman Edward’s annual reception.

**HMP Note:** Patricia contributed $5,000 to Ready for Hilary in 2013 PAC. Patricia contributed $25,000 to Worker’s Voice PAC in 2012, the Super PAC arm of the AFL-CIO, as well as $10,000 to American Bridge and $13,000 to CREDO Super PAC, a Super PAC focused on grass roots organization and fighting Tea Party extremism.

**Additional HMP Notes:**

* **Kim Anderson and John Stocks of the NEA-** NEA contributed $5,000 to House Majority PAC in June of 2013. NEA partnered with HMP in 2012 by airing ads under their own disclaimer in MA-06 ($508,000), NY-01 ($258,000) and IA-04 ($100,000). Their total expenditure for the three races was $866,000. NEA did not contribute any money to House Majority PAC directly. YOU met with President Van Roekel in Washington, DC on September 10, 2012. NEA contributed $200,000 to Bridge in the 2012 cycle. Amy Kurtz, NEA’s PAC manager, attended the June 18, 2013 House Majority PAC dinner with Labor Leaders. NEA did not have a representative attend the April 10, 2013 HMP Labor dinner.
* **Brandon Davis, SEIU-** Service Employees International Union (SEIU) contributed $220,000 to House Majority PAC in 2011 and $418,000 in 2012, for a cycle total of $638,000. SEIU Local 1199 also contributed $50,000 to House Majority PAC this cycle. In addition to their contributions to HMP, SEIU spent over $3 million on House races as part of the overall HMP strategy.SEIU contributed $50,000 to the Trust in 2013, and $100,000 to the Trust in 2011. SEIU also contributed $350,000 to Majority PAC, $1,000,0000 to Priorities USA and $200,000 to Bridge in the 2012 cycle.
* **Scott Drexel-** Dr. John Koza contributed $25,000 to House Majority PAC in August of 2012. In the 2012 cycle, Dr. Koza also contributed $25,000 to Majority PAC, $50,000 to Bridge, $50,000 to the DGA and $10,000 to Democracy for America. Dr. Koza contributed $50,000 to Majority PAC in 2013. Scott and Dr. Koza attended the January 20, 2013 Thank You Reception at the home of Ambassador Esther Coopersmith.
* **President Mary Kay Henry, SEIU-** Service Employees International Union (SEIU) contributed $220,000 to House Majority PAC in 2011 and $418,000 in 2012, for a cycle total of $638,000. SEIU Local 1199 also contributed $50,000 to House Majority PAC this cycle. In addition to their contributions to HMP, SEIU spent over $3 million on House races as part of the overall HMP strategy. SEIU contributed $50,000 to the Trust in 2013, and $100,000 to the Trust in 2011. SEIU also contributed $350,000 to Majority PAC, $1,000,0000 to Priorities USA and $200,000 to Bridge in the 2012 cycle.
* **George Kohl, CWA-** CWA contributed $50,000 to House Majority PAC in 2011 and $100,000 in 2012, for a 2012 election cycle total of $150,000. CWA also contributed $200,000 to Majority PAC and $500,000 to Priorities USA during the 2012 cycle. CWA did not have a representative in attendance at the April 10, 2013 or the June 18, 2013 House Majority PAC Labor Dinners.
* **Ian and Liesel Simmons-** Ian contributed $33,000 to House Majority PAC in 2012. Additionally in 2012, Ian also contributed $25,000 to Local Voices, a Super PAC that supported President Obama through a positive ad campaign, $100,000 to Friends of Democracy, and $33,000 to Majority PAC. Ian attended the September 27, 2012 Democracy Alliance Luncheon with President Clinton in New York City.
* **Wendy Wendlandt-** Wendy serves as an advisor to Doug Phelps. Doug is a primary donor to the Fair Share Alliance. Fair Share Alliance contributed $375,000 to House Majority PAC in 2012. Ali Lapp met with Wendy on July 23, 2013.

**FULL RSVP LIST:**

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| First Name | Last Name | Employer/Organization | Occupation | City | State |
| Alexandra | Acker-Lyons | Youth Engagement Fund | APO | Mountain View | CA |
| Adam | Ambrogi | Democracy Fund | Aligned Individuals | Washington | DC |
| Kim | Anderson | NEA | Advisor | Washington | DC |
| Allison | Barlow | Wallace | Advisor |  |  |
| Anne | Bartley | BartleyMcNeil | Partner (Governing) |  |  |
| Patricia | Bauman | Bauman Foundation | Foundation Representative | Washington | DC |
| Jay | Beckner | Mertz Gilmore Foundation | Aligned Individuals | New York | NY |
| Ben | Binswanger | Binswanger |  | Arlington | VA |
| Caitlin | Blair | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Kelly | Born | Hewlett Foundation |  | Menlo Park | CA |
| Paul | Boskind | Boskind Paul | Partner (Governing) | New York | NY |
| Anna | Burger | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington |  |
| Bill | Burgess | ABS Ventures | Aligned Individuals | Waltham | MA |
| Kahlil | Byrd | Kahlil Byrd | Special Guest |  |  |
| Marc | Caplan | Proteus Fund | Foundation Representative | Amherst | MA |
| Caroline | Chambers | Soros | Advisor | Washington | DC |
| Jeff | Clements | Clements | Partner (Governing) | Concord | MA |
| Ben | Cohen | Cohen | Prospect | Burlington | VT |
| Kelly | Craighead | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Eliot | Cutler | OneMaine | Prospect | Cape Elizabeth | ME |
| Brandon | Davis | SEIU | Advisor | Washington | DC |
| David | desJardins | desJardinsBlachman | Partner (Governing) | Burlingame |  |
| David | Donnelly | Friends of Democracy | Special Guest | Washington | DC |
| Ellen | Dorsey | Wallace | Advisor | Washington | DC |
| Kimberly | Douglas | Democracy Alliance | Staff |  |  |
| Scott | Drexel | Koza John | Advisor | San Francisco | CA |
| Doug | Edwards | Edwards | Partner (Governing) |  |  |
| Ed | Erickson | Stamp Stampede | Special Guest | Waterbury | VT |
| Jack | Esteve | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington |  |
| Kim | Fellner | AFLCIO | Partner (Institutional) | Washington | DC |
| Chris | Findlater | Findlater | Partner (Governing) |  |  |
| Meg | Gage | Proteus Fund | Foundation Representative | Amherst | MA |
| Chris | Gates | PACE | Aligned Individuals | Washington |  |
| Joe | Goldman | Democracy Fund | Prospect | Washington | DC |
| Nicole | Gordon |  | Aligned Individuals | New York |  |
| Adam | Green | Progressive Change Campaign Committee | Progressive Infrastructure Map |  |  |
| Jim | Greer | CounterPAC | Aligned Individuals |  |  |
| whitney | hatch | Hatch | Prospect | Ipswich | MA |
| Sam | Heins | Heins | Prospect | Minneapolis | MN |
| Ruth | Hennig | John Merck Fund | Aligned Individuals | Boston | MA |
| Mary Kay | Henry | SEIU | Partner (Institutional) | Washington | DC |
| Arnold | Hiatt | Hiatt | Partner (Governing) | Boston | MA |
| Tom | Hilbink | Soros | Advisor |  |  |
| Cem | Karsan | Aegea Capital Management | Aligned Individuals | Chicago | IL |
| Michael | Kempner | Kempner Michael | Prospect |  |  |
| George | Kohl | CWA |  |  |  |
| Julie | Kohler | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Miles | Lasater | Higer One | Aligned Individuals | New Haven | CT |
| Anna | Lefer Kuhn | Arca Foundation | Special Guest | Washington |  |
| Robert | Lenhard |  | Aligned Individuals |  |  |
| Dominic | Lowell | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Rebecca | Lungren | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| JB | Lyon | Mount Independence Investments | Aligned Individuals | Lexington | MA |
| Christine | Mahler | Fund for the Republic | APO | Washington | DC |
| Robert | McKay | McKay | Partner (Governing) | San Francisco | CA |
| Mark | McKinnon | McKinnon | Aligned Individuals | Austin | TX |
| Marilyn | Melkonian | Melkonian | Aligned Individuals | Washington | DC |
| Weston | Milliken | Milliken Weston | Partner (Governing) | Los Angeles | CA |
| Marcia | Morris | Hiatt | Partner (Governing) |  |  |
| Jenna | Narayanan | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Daniel | Newman | Maplight | Aligned Individuals |  |  |
| Craig | Newmark | Newmark Craig | Prospect | San Francisco |  |
| Larry | Noble | Americans for Campaign Reform | Aligned Individuals | Washington | DC |
| Allan | Oliver | Thornburg Foundation | Aligned Individuals | Santa Fe | NM |
| Nancy | Pelosi | U.S. House of Representatives | Special Guest | Washington | DC |
| Nick | Penniman | Fund for the Republic | APO | Washington | DC |
| Erick | Pleitez |  |  |  |  |
| Sarah | Redlich |  |  |  |  |
| William | Roberts | Corridor Partners | Partner (Governing) | New York | NY |
| Laurie | Roberts | Fund for the Republic | Staff | Washington DC | DC |
| Tim | Rockwood |  |  |  |  |
| Fran | Rodgers | Rodgers | Partner (General) |  |  |
| Charles | Rodgers | Rodgers | Partner (General) |  |  |
| Ryan | Rodriguez | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Alexandra | Russell | Solidago | Foundation Representative | Northampton | MA |
| cynthia | ryan | Ryan | Partner (Governing) | Washington | DC |
| Vin | Ryan | Ryan | Partner (Governing) | Boston | MA |
| Mark | Schmitt | New America Foundation | Aligned Individuals | Washington | DC |
| Lindsey | Schuh Cortes | SEIU | Partner (Institutional) | Washington | DC |
| Ben | Shute, Jr. |  |  | New York |  |
| Ian | Simmons | Simmons | Partner (Governing) | Cambridge | MA |
| Liesel | Simmons |  |  |  |  |
| David | Simpson | Fund for the Republic | APO | Washington |  |
| Melanie | Sloan | Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington | Special Guest | Washington |  |
| Frank | Smith | Democracy Alliance/Streisand's office | Staff | Los Angeles | CA |
| Bill | Smith | Civitas Public Affairs | Speaker | Washington | DC |
| heather | smith | Rock the Vote | Special Guest | Washington | DC |
| Roy | Spence | GSD&M | Aligned Individuals |  |  |
| Rob | Stein | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| John | Stocks | NEA | Partner (Institutional) | Washington | DC |
| Katherine | Storch | Democracy Alliance | Staff |  |  |
| Emily | Tisch Sussman | Sussman Donald | Partner (Governing) | Washington | DC |
| Michael | Waldman | Brennan Center for Justice | APO | New York | NY |
| Wendi | Wallace | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Scott | Wallace | Wallace | Partner (Governing) | Washington | DC |
| Scott | Wallace | Wallace | Partner (Governing) | Washington | DC |
| Wendy | Weiser | Brennan Center for Justice | Speaker | New York | NY |
| Wendy | Wendlandt | Phelps | Advisor |  |  |
| Brenda | Wright |  |  |  |  |
| Albert | Yates | Yates | Partner (Governing) | Fort Collins | CO |

**Biographies of speakers:**

**Julie Kohler - Managing Director, The Democracy Alliance**

As Managing Director, Julie works closely with the President and the Board to develop and implement the Democracy Alliance’s (DA’s) strategic plan and annual goals, oversees the organization’s day-to-day operations, and directs the staff team. Julie previously served as the organization’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, with responsibility for ensuring synergy between the Investment and Partner Services divisions and leading the DA’s investment services work. Julie has over a decade of experience in philanthropy, with deep expertise in civic engagement, state infrastructure, policy/advocacy, and social innovation grant making.

Prior to joining the Alliance, Julie served as Director for Education & Civic Engagement at Public Interest Projects, where she managed four funding collaborative designed to promote stronger participatory democracy and more equitable public schools. She also directed the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation’s National Venture Fund, which invested $13 million annually in civic engagement and social venture projects, and taught at the University of Maryland.

Julie holds a M.A. and Ph.D. in family social science from the University of Minnesota.

**Arnie Hiatt**   
  
Arnie served as President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of The Stride Rite Corporation and then served as Chairman of The Stride Rite Charitable Foundation. The Stride Rite Corporation is a shoe company focusing on baby and children styles.

Stride Rite become known for its social conscience while performing in the 99th percentile of NYSE companies, even after allocating 5% of pretax profits to The Stride Rite Foundation.

Mr. Hiatt established the first on-site corporate day care center more than 30 years ago which served as a model for similar centers nation-wide and developed the first Intergenerational Center which provided care for both employee and community children and elders. He pioneered the smoke-free work place, an on-site fitness center for employees, a family leave policy and a mentoring program in which employees tutored inner-city students two hours a week on company time.

He has served as a trustee of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, a trustee of Northeastern University and a trustee of the John Merck Fund. He has served as an Overseer of Harvard University, a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a director of The Cabot Corporation.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a director of the Dreyfus Corporation. He was a founder and Chairman of Business for Social Responsibility (BSR). BSR is a global non-profit business association dedicated to creating a more just society and more sustainable economy by working in partnership with companies to promote socially responsible policies that promote good environmental practices, family friendly workplaces, corporate governance and transparency, and international codes of conduct that set a standard for labor practices in developing countries.

Mr. Hiatt founded the Stride Rite Community Service Program at Harvard University, providing scholarships and grants for students who return to the inner city to do volunteer work and serve as role models for children, and provides fellowships to encourage graduating students to pursue careers in public service and teaching. In addition to an undergraduate public service program at Northeastern University, a similar program offers loan deferrals and other incentives to Northeastern law students providing legal services to the poor.

He has been a strong advocate of containing the influence and control of government by corporate funding of elections.

Arnie lives with his girlfriend Marcia Morris at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston, MA. Marcia serves in an of counsel capacity and senior consultant at the Center for Applied Research (CFAR). Arnie has two adult children Matthew and Amy.