



The Healthy Democracy Coalition (HDC) is a network of investors dedicated to strengthening democracy and bridging divides. We invite business owners, philanthropists, and grant-makers to join our first **National Strategy Dialog** to discuss the structures, strategies and priorities of our ongoing journey to cultivate cross-partisan philanthropic learning and collaboration. We will gather in **Dallas, Texas on April 25th & 26th, 2019**, as part of [EarthX](#), a large national environmental conference and expo.



Participation in the HDC National Strategy Dialog is by invitation only.

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Presenters will include:

Adam Kissel, Director of Civic Education, Philanthropy Roundtable
Amy Holdsman, Founder, Essential Leadership
Ben Rekhi, Film Director, Ben Rekhi Productions
Dana Ackley, CEO, EQ Leader Inc.
Daniel Penchina, Executive Director, Voices for Progress
Debilyn Molineaux, Executive Director, Bridge Alliance
Fred Smith, Founder, The Gathering
Howard Schultz, Former CEO, Starbucks*
Jeff Clements, Board Member, Clements Family Foundation
Joe Goldman, President, Democracy Fund
Jonah Wittkamper, President, NEXUS / Healthy Democracy Coalition
Joshua Silver, Co-Founder & Director, RepresentUs
Kristen Cambell, Executive Director, Philanthropy for Active Civic

Engagement

Lindsey Graham, Senator, State of South Carolina*

Loren Bendele, CEO, Gell

Mark Gerzon, Founder and President, Mediators Foundation

Mary Ann Thomopson-Frenk, President, Memnosyne Institute

Rob Stein, Founder Emeritus, Democracy Alliance

Rod Richardson, President, Grace Richardson Fund

Sam Mar, VP, Laura & John Arnold Foundation / Arnold Ventures

Steven Lipscomb, Managing Director, Practicrats LLC

Paul Kang, President, Alta Capital Group

Sheldon Whitehouse, Senator, State of Rhode Island*

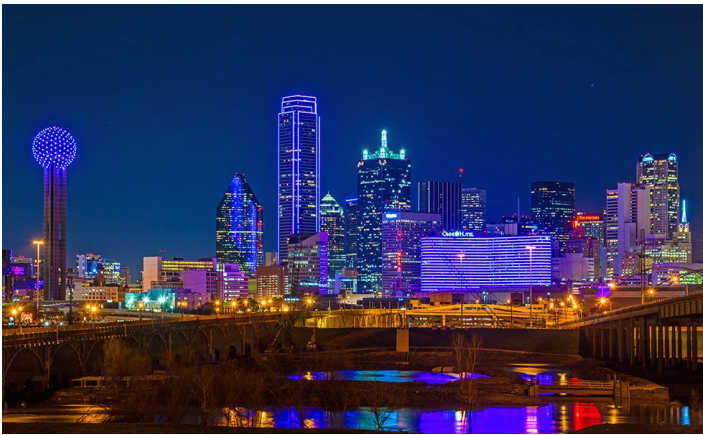
Thomas Q. Johns, Vital Signs Monitor Engineer, Memnosyne Institute

Trammell S. Crow, Founder, EarthX

Usman Waheed, Advisor, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists

William Kristol, Former Editor-At-Large, The Weekly Standard

* = Not yet confirmed



In our time together, we will ask:

- What is the value of cross-partisan connection and learning?
- What are leading examples of cross-partisan philanthropic collaboration?
- What is the role of civic education in bridging divides?
- What cross-partisan outreach and inclusion strategies have been successful?
- How can cross-partisan philanthropists connect and collaborate, both locally and nationally?
- How can we set priorities as a national network?
- What issues should we focus on? Which should we avoid?
- What are leading strategies to address redistricting, voting issues, and electoral reform?
- What are leading strategies to advance immigration, criminal justice

and education reform?

- What happens at HDC dinners? What are the results to date?

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Day 1 Location: Arlington Hall, 3333 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas, TX 75219

(A bus will depart from the Atrium side of the Hilton Anatole hotel at 8:35am and return at 6:00pm.

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8:30am – Board Bus at Hilton Anatole Hotel to Arlington Hall

9:00am – Introductions + Continental Breakfast

10:00 - Session 1: HDC Stories of Outreach and Inclusion

Presenters: Amy Holdsman, Mark Gerzon, Debilyn Molineaux

12:00pm – Lunch

Presenters: Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk, Thomas Q. Johns, Rod Richardson

1:30pm - Session 2: New Bridges and Constituencies

Presenters: Usman Waheed, Fred Smith, Rob Stein, Joe Goldman

3:30pm - Session 3: Media, Innovation and Electoral Reform

Presenters: Jeff Clements, Ben Rekhi, Daniel Penchina

Dinner Location: Hilton Anatole, 2201 N Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX 75207

Room: Coronado Room

(Bus transport from Arlington Hall to Hilton Anatole will be offered at 6:00pm)

6:30pm – Dinner in Collaboration with E-Capital Summit

Presenters: Lindsey Graham*, Sheldon Whitehouse*

Friday, April 26, 2019

Day 2: Women's Museum, 2nd Floor Loft, 3800 Parry Ave, Dallas, TX 75226

(Shuttles will be leaving the Hilton Anatole hotel to the Women's Museum/Building in Fair Park frequently.)

8:30am - Breakfast

9:00am - Session 4: Polarization and Civic Health

Presenters: Kristen Cambell, Adam Kissel, Bill Kristol, Trammell Crow

10:30am - Session 5: Testimonials from Democracy Philanthropists and Activists

Presenters: Paul Kang, Josh Silver, Steven Lipscomb

12:00pm – Lunch

Presenters: Howard Schultz*

1:30pm - Session 6: Uniting on Reform: Education, Criminal Justice, and More.

Presenters: Sam Mar, Loren Bendele, Rob Richie, David Wilner

3:30pm - Session 7: Collective and Individual Action Plans

6:30pm - Closing Dinner – Informal and Off Site. Location TBA.

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