

(ARCHIVED) INTER-MOVEMENT IMPACT PROJECT 2.0 SOURCE DOCUMENT

GENERATE DEMOCRACY!

**PRO DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT AND BELOVED COMMUNITY BUILDING
WHEREVER & HOWEVER WE ENGAGE**

PREMISE & FRAMING

A [transpartisan](#) **Defend & Advance Democracy, Political System Reform, Civic Health, Social Cohesion and Social Justice Movement of Many Movements*** and **Beloved Community** is emerging, growing and rapidly evolving in response to the immediate threats and gradual erosion related to the health of our democratic republic and to the social-political-economic wellbeing of 'we the people'.

*We use the **Pro Democracy Movement of many Movements** or just **Pro Democracy Movement** as the shorthand for the longer version stated above.

THEORY OF CHANGE

As such we observe and assert that cross-movement pro democracy collective impact organizing and community building is needed **both within (INTRA-MOVEMENT) and between (INTER-MOVEMENT) the many and diverse pro-democracy movements** to generate the critical mass of collective influence (real power) and impact it will take to successfully defend, strengthen and advance our liberal democracy, civic health, social cohesion and social justice before it becomes too late.

Furthermore, that cross-movement pro democracy organizing and beloved community building needs to be done through the intentional and considerate integration of local, state and national level energies and endeavors where, when and how that wants to happen.

PURPOSE

IMIP's work is to help connect, synergize and amplify the collective influence (power) and impact of the Pro Democracy Movement and [Beloved Community](#) that is already emerging and evolving at the local, state and national levels.

Our aim is to nurture and catalyze the pro democracy collective influence and impact organizing and beloved community building inclinations and foment that is happening organically at the local, state and national levels. To do that IMIP facilitates critical pro democracy inter-movement connections, generative forums, relationship building, community building, and helps stimulate the discovery of common cause strategies, synergy projects, and coordinated actions

IMIP's purpose and work is in service to realizing [Rachel Kleinfeld's](#) Strategy #4 of '[Five Strategies to Support US Democracy](#)'. Her movement building vision and strategy is grounded in her extensive

research and study of troubled democracies facing problems such as polarized populations, violence, corruption, and poor governance bridges the United States and international cases. Kleinfeld's perspective and analysis is widely respected and as such this is an excellent shared movement building vision strategy for the "movement of many movements". Strategy #4:

***Build a Broad-based, Multistranded,
Pro-democracy Movement (Beloved Community*)
around a Positive Vision Concretized in Locally Rooted Action
*IMIP added 'Beloved Community'***

IMIP's work is also in service to the vision and strategy known as "**Bridge*, Block and Build**", brought forth by the impressive work of the 22ND Century Initiative team and proffered at the July 2023 watershed Pro Democracy Movement building "[22nd Century Conference: Forging a People-Powered Democracy](#)". Like Klienfeld's vision and strategy Bridge, Block & Build is a useful, concise and complete vision, framework and call to action for the Pro Democracy Movement (of Many Movements). *IMIP added Bridge.

FORGING A PEOPLE POWERED DEMOCRACY

***Together we will
BRIDGE our differences, strategies and endeavors to
BLOCK the advance of authoritarianism, political violence (and similar threats)
while we also
BUILD a Multiracial, Pluralistic 'People Powered Democracy'***

THE PROJECT (IMIP 2.0)

AN INDEPENDENT (INTERDEPENDENT) PROJECT / NOT ANOTHER NGO

2024 is the opportune time for the transpartisan Pro Democracy Movement (of many movements) to step into the national spotlight and shout boldly that 1) we are all in this together, 2) together we can fix our broken politics and 3) together we can act in common cause to defend and advance our democratic republic before it is too late. IMIP intends to be a catalyst in helping that to happen.

IMIP is a small and scrappy team, organized as an 'independent project'. Our aim (again) is:

- To catalyze, synergize and amplify the cross-movement collective impact organizing impetus within and between the movement of many movements that is already emerging and evolving
- To invite and foster a deeper expression of 'beloved community' and experience of belonging to a complex but increasingly coherent **Pro Democracy Movement (of many movements)**
- To help achieve the collective synergy, influence and impact needed to successfully defend and strengthen our democracy, civic health, social cohesion and social justice before it is too late.

Our ongoing work began in the summer of 2017 and up until now has been 100% informal, volunteer and unfunded. The time has come to turbo charge our unique inter-movement "connective tissue" value

proposition and contribution to the co-building of a powerful Pro Democracy Movement and Beloved Community wherever & however we engage.

Some key points about where IMIP is going:

- We have built a lot of momentum, respect and have already demonstrated significant value and contributions towards making critical connections within and between the Pro Democracy Movement (of Many Movements).
 - One example of our contribution was our assistance doing intra-movement organizing in the Bridging Movement / Field by assisting the start-up ListenFirst project develop a ListenFirst Coalition (serving the whole Bridging Movement) and other constructs for collective impact organizing. Through that and the advent of the Bridging Movement Alignment Council the Bridging Movement is now arguably the best organized of the medium size pro democracy movements in the matrix of many movements.
 - As of September 2023 we established a fiscal home with and in Mediators Foundation; home of Living Room Conversations and the Civic Health Project, among others.
 - We are currently seeking seed funding with a target of \$50K, by the end of Q1 2024.
 - We are seeking benefactors / funding partners (by Q3 2024) that can support a \$500K/yr (+/-) operating and pass through budget to maximize our inter-movement connectivity work in service to all those who are doing the transpartisan Pro Democracy Movement and Beloved Community Building work wherever and however they are.
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THE OPERATING SYSTEM

Central to our work is to co-develop an advanced 'Operating System', open sourced from and for the Transpartisan **Pro Democracy Movement Matrix (Movement of Many Movements)**, for synergistically co-generating significant social / political / economic / environmental innovations and progress.

The Operating System is basically a whole systems change “formula” made up of a bundle of frameworks, organizing principles, and key distinctions that help:

- Accommodate greater inter-movement alignment, synergy, influence and impact.
- Overcome some of the complexities and challenges of collective impact organizing in the matter of making difficult systemic and cultural change together.
- Foster our capacity to have our differences be experienced as a natural human dynamic that is central to generating creative solutions around issues and opportunities of common concern. This implies that we build a shared immunity to the manipulations of the polarization industrial complex that gains profits and power by inflaming our propensities for ‘othering’ and divisiveness.

This Operating System metaphor and language is just one of many ways of expressing a formula or recipe or equation or whole system conditions that are being seen as necessary for making difficult socio-political-cultural change actually happen. To the extent that our operating system metaphor is adoptable and useful, so be it.

TRANSPARTISAN

TRANSPARTISAN PRO DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT OF MANY MOVEMENTS

Transpartisan: Transpartisanship is an emerging field that advocates pragmatic and effective solutions to social and political problems, transcending and including pre-existing political ideologies. Transpartisanship encompasses the idea that all systems are inextricably interconnected, and that successful outcomes can best be reached through inclusive, genuine, and respectful cooperation. Transpartisan democracy, in part, seeks to reintegrate the public's voice in identifying, debating, and shaping governmental policies, while continuing to protect the sovereignty of the individual.

The term **Transpartisan** is coming back into play. For example, [Niskanen's president Ted Gayer, formerly with Brookings, is framing Niskanen as a Transpartisan entity](#). Also, the Forward Party is, for the most part, a 'Transpartisan' political party supporting solution candidates that might be an Independent, a Democrat or a Republican. Many in the pro democracy ecosystem use the term nonpartisan or cross-partisan and those terms are acceptable synonyms and sometimes more accepted descriptors.

'Transpartisan' essentially means rising above (transcending + including) the partisan identity and worldview and the paralysis that it causes. From a transpartisan (nonpartisan / cross-Partisan) stance we can engage in productive disagreement about shared concerns and common purpose to solve pressing problems together.

MOVEMENT MATRIX

TRANSPARTISAN PRO DEMOCRACY MATRIX (A MOVEMENT OF MANY MOVEMENTS) THAT DEFENDS, STRENGTHENS & ADVANCES DEMOCRACY CIVIC HEALTH, SOCIAL COHESION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

MATRIX: Something that constitutes the place or point from which something else originates takes form, or develops

Many refer to the movement of many movements as an "ecosystem" which is an excellent way to describe it. "Matrix" is basically synonymous to "ecosystem" when we talk about the movement of many movements.

INTER-MOVEMENT

There is a large and diverse pro-democracy, civic health, social cohesion and social justice community made up of many smaller 'm' movements (neighborhoods) that all have significant bearing on strengthening the health and wellbeing of our democracy and 'we the people'.

INTRA-MOVEMENT Organizing: **WITHIN** each ‘movement / neighborhood’ there are numerous endeavors emerging and evolving to strategically align and organize to achieve a greater impact together. We support intra-movement alignment work however our work is focused on the following:

INTER-MOVEMENT Organizing: **BETWEEN** the multitude of ‘movements / neighborhoods’ there is a growing awareness that it takes a whole community of many ‘movements / neighborhoods’ working together, with mutual respect and support, to better achieve each movement’s influence, impact and contribution to the collective impact needed to significantly defend and strengthen our US democracy, civic health, social cohesion and social justice.

STRATEGY #4

[Rachel Kleinfeld's ‘Five Strategies to Support US Democracy’](#)

Strategy #4

**Build a Broad-based, Multistranded,
Pro-democracy Movement (Beloved Community)*
around a Positive Vision Concretized in Locally Rooted Action**

* Beloved Community added by IMIP

“... International democracy-support research is crystal clear: mobilizing major change in polarized democracies requires broad-based constituencies of unlikely allies. International examples suggest that people are motivated by positive messages and concrete actions. In the context of U.S. democracy, eschewing national messages and issues in favor of local change is the best way to build on the trust that remains in the system and to evade partisan polarization. Decades of international work to support democracy have found that broad-based social movements are the key to overturning authoritarian systems and that their strength lies not just in numbers but also in their breadth across polarized divides. ...” [Rachel Kleinfeld](#)

BRIDGE, BLOCK & BUILD FORGE A PEOPLE POWERED DEMOCRACY

(22CI’s **2B Frame** expanded to **3B Frame** by IMIP)

Together we will

**BRIDGE our differences, strategies and endeavors to
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22ND Century Initiative's, [22nd Century Conference: Forging a People-Powered Democracy](#) and the conference framing document [Toward a People-Powered Democracy](#) invited the progressive left social justice (and other) activist and organizer community to “**Bridge, Block and Build**”. This framework, vision and call to action is also applicable to the macro Pro Democracy Movement of many Movements and the work of inter-movement synergy, influence and impact organizing and community building.

The 3B language is just one expression of many expressions of the need to 1) collaborate 2) respond effectively to the clear and present threats and 3) fix what is broken in our political system and 4) together innovate our way to a more perfect democratic republic.

[WATCH LIVE STREAMS AND READ DOCUMENTS](#): Watch the [five plenaries](#) and [five breakout sessions](#) that were live streamed at the conference. Check out the [slide decks](#).

PREFIGURATIVE

A PREFIGURATIVE PRO DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT OF MANY MOVEMENTS

Embodies and Expresses the Change / Future We Seek

- [Prefigurative politics](#) are the modes of organization and social relationships that strive to reflect the future society being sought by the group (movement of many movements).
 - [Prefigurative politics](#) refers to how activists embody and enact, within their activism, the socialities and practices they foster for broader society.
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BELOVED COMMUNITY

PRO DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT AS “BELOVED COMMUNITY”

Beloved Community offers an aspirational and widely understood vision to inform, align and guide the **prefigurative and matrix principles** at the heart of this Pro Democracy Matrix / Movement of Many Movements.

We have added MLK's 'Beloved Community' to Rachel Kleinfeld's Strategy #4 and offer it again here as a stand alone vision and framework for “we the transpartisan pro democracy people” and the pluralistic socio-political culture we seek.

[Beloved Community](#): “Dr. King's Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. In the Beloved Community, international disputes will be resolved by peaceful conflict-resolution and reconciliation of adversaries, instead of military power. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace with justice will prevail over war and military conflict.

Dr. King's Beloved Community was not devoid of interpersonal, group or international conflict. Instead he recognized that conflict was an inevitable part of human experience. But he believed

that conflicts could be resolved peacefully and adversaries could be reconciled through a mutual, determined commitment to nonviolence. No conflict, he believed, need erupt in violence. And all conflicts in The Beloved Community should end with reconciliation of adversaries cooperating together in a spirit of friendship and goodwill.”

UNLIKELY ALLIES (SEEK OUT)

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LEFT Progressive Activists+Organizers---**CENTER** Reformers+Bridgers+Civic Engagers---Principled Conservative **RIGHT**

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DEFEND,& ADVANCE DEMOCRACY CIVIC HEALTH, SOCIAL COHESION & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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LOCAL STATE NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

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It seems self-evident that linking transpartisan and inter-movement cooperation between local, state and national pro democracy endeavors is necessary in order to co-generate the collective influence (power) and impact (results) required to successfully co-defend against the threats to our democratic republic and to effectively co-build (innovate) the more perfect liberal, pluralistic, multiracial democratic republic we envision and aspire to.

CAUSAL LOOP or CIRCLE

-- POLARIZATION -- DEMOCRACY -- POLITICAL VIOLENCE --

Seeing and Addressing Polarization, Democracy and Political Violence as a Causal Loop or Circle through the Research & Analysis of [Rachel Kleinfeld](#)

Causal Circle / Loop: A causal loop is a circular chain of variables affecting one another in turn. One variable affects a second variable, which in turn affects a third variable, and the third variable then affects the first. Or perhaps the loop is longer, with five or seven variables completing the circle.

Rachel Kleinfeld's "Polarization, Democracy, and Political Violence in the United States: What the Research Says" Framework and Research

This research and report was released in early September 2023 and speaks to the **opportunities and challenges for how the matrix of pro democracy, civic health, social cohesion and social justice**

movements can best approach their respective missions and be more successful by working together as unlikely allies for co-generating socio-political change. The following paragraphs are from the conclusion segment of the report.

“Interventions that focus on individuals’ emotions may not be useful at all because they tend to target willing and more moderate participants who are not driving current democratic problems. Or they may not be useful unless carried out in tandem with interventions that directly address antidemocratic behaviors and/or violence at the social and political level. That understanding would accord with the growing literature on comparative democracies and civil war scholarship. A metastudy of interventions to reduce conflict in other countries, for instance, found that “programming that focuses on change at the individual level that never links or translates into action at the Socio-Political level has no discernable effect on peace.”²⁰⁹ Dialogue can improve understanding and reduce prejudice, but it will not result in social or political improvements at the state or national levels unless those relationships are directed toward collaborative action that creates positive change in a broader cultural or political context, not just the feelings of individuals.

At the same time, interventions focused on changing political or social structures that ignore how polarization is used as a political strategy are likely to generate backlash, deepen polarization, and exacerbate a sense of threat that enables antidemocratic behaviors. In a perniciously polarized environment like the United States, highly adversarial, polarizing advocacy—even to achieve prodemocratic ends—can be used instrumentally by polarizing politicians to cement their political success. Efforts at cultural and political change are essential, but in an environment in which affective polarization is rife and is being used strategically by politicians, advocacy for change must sidestep polarization by engaging unlikely allies who agree on the particular issue despite often being on opposite sides of polarized debates. Advocacy that attempts to overcome the other side by simply amassing on one side of a polarized divide will generally result either in failure or in cycles of Pyrrhic victory and cultural or political backlash that deepens the extremism of the other side.

Finally, the third generation understanding of polarization, which is just emerging in the United States but is more established abroad, considers the political structures that incentivize politicians to exacerbate affective polarization for their own benefit. Winner-take-all political systems, where winning 50.1 percent of the vote wins the entire district even if 49.9 percent of the voters wanted someone else, are correlated with more affective polarization, as well as greater discontent with one’s own party. Altering U.S. political structures in order to change the political incentives that are exacerbating affective polarization is almost certainly part of the solution to ensuring a more cohesive citizenry that supports a stronger democracy in the United States.”

THRIVE

VITAL CONDITIONS TO THRIVE

Belonging and Civic Muscle is at the center because it is both a vital condition and a practical capacity that is necessary for equitable success in every other kind of work.

Rippel’s ReThink Health initiative first introduced the vital conditions framework through our Ventures project in 2017, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. We have since refined it with input from thousands of contributors. A growing cadre of organizations now explicitly focus on establishing the vital conditions, including changemakers in all walks of life as well as scores of agencies across the federal government.

With few exceptions, users say that the vital conditions framework is clear, concise, and built for concerted action.

Vital conditions are properties of places and institutions that all people need for health and well-being. They include a thriving natural world, basic needs for health and safety, humane housing, meaningful work and wealth, lifelong learning, reliable transportation, and, central to all of these, belonging and civic muscle.

Investments in these conditions are necessary to create an equitable, thriving future for ourselves and for generations to come.

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“Never before have so many federal agencies and legions of leaders across the US been able to organize around the same set of vital conditions in a common quest to thrive together.”

FACTUAL REALITY BASIS

HISTORICAL, FACTUAL, & EVIDENCE BASED SHARED REALITY

We strive to do the best we can to establish a historically factual and evidence based shared reality of information, frameworks and context to establish a base or foundation of our Pro Democracy and Beloved Community Building work.

MOVEMENT LEADERSHIP

YOU ARE THE MOVEMENT

The Eight Leaders You Need to Grow a Movement (by Joel Searby)

Visionaries

Visionaries see, call out and continually point to a desired future in ways that inspire, encourage and lead others in the movement.

Thinkers

Thinkers imagine and bring to life the intellectual frameworks around which the movement can organize and from which the movement is shaped.

Builders & Makers

Builders & Makers create the technological, organizational and physical processes and structures needed for the movement to organize, mobilize and flourish.

Reformers

Reformers see systems, cultures and structures which need important tweaks, meaningful change or wholesale re-imagining, and drive the long-term work to ensure those changes come about.

Benefactors

Benefactors give generously and creatively of their time, talent and treasure to power the engine of the movement.

Curators

Curators translate the movement for the everyday person through the arts and creativity, illuminating and broadcasting the vision of the movement to the masses and their neighbors alike.

Guides

Guides lead with wisdom to give the movement a moral compass and seek the spiritual & emotional health of all who participate.

Sheriffs

Sheriffs monitor and enforce the guidelines and boundaries of the movement, carefully ensuring the mission stays focused and movement leaders are serving the greater good.

IMIP'S CORE OFFERINGS

"CONNECTIVE TISSUE" FOR A PRO DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT OF MANY MOVEMENTS

OPERATING SYSTEM

INTER-MOVEMENT MATRIX OPERATING SYSTEM

OPEN SOURCE FROM AND FOR THE MOVEMENT MATRIX (OPEN SOURCE AVAILABLE TO ALL)

An advanced 'Operating System', open sourced from and for the **Pro Democracy Movement Matrix (Movement of Many Movements)**, for synergistically co-generating significant social / political / economic / environmental innovations and progress. Described fully near the beginning of this document ([click here to jump there](#))

CRITICAL CONNECTIONS

AKA: SNOWBALL CONVERSATIONS

ONE TO ONE CONNECTIONS THAT ROLL + GROW AN INTER-MOVEMENT SNOWBALL (COMMUNITY)

We seek out and hold dear those who are making a difference in some aspect of the **Transpartisan Defend, Strengthen & Advance Democracy, Civic Health, Social Cohesion and Social Justice Movement of Many Movements**. We share about our mission and passion for Inter-Movement and Beloved Community building work and identify opportunities for further engagement

GENERATIVE FORUMS

Our work is about Pro Democracy Movement and Beloved Community building. We do that mainly by convening and facilitating four complementary and symbiotic **Generative Forums**.

- **INTER-MOVEMENT COMMUNITY FORUM (IMCF)**
Once a quarter. Large group. Timely topics. A broad mix of **Transpartisan Defend, Strengthen & Advance Democracy, Civic Health, Social Cohesion and Social Justice (Movement of Many Movements)** actors, change agents, champions, activists, supporters, advocates, networkers and stakeholders who share an interest in inter-movement organizing to build a powerful Pro Democracy Movement and Beloved Community. Each session will cover one or multiple timely topics, a variety of featured perspectives, updates, and mission critical information sharing. Moderated to be conversational and interactive.
- **CRITICAL INTERSECTIONS FORUM (CIF)**
Once a quarter. Medium to Large size group. The Critical Intersections Forum (CIF) convening construct assembles a curated group of “Featured Perspectives” (several key leaders/thinkers/weavers) to engage in a deep dive and generative conversation with the larger group on very specific and critically important strategies, opportunities, challenges and or tensions related to inter-movement collective impact organizing, and pro democracy movement and beloved community building.
- **LOCAL INTERSECTIONS FORUM (LIF)**
Once a quarter. Large group. The Local Intersections Forum is a conversation construct where we honor that democracy and beloved community is generated, expressed and experienced ‘where we live’ and as Kleinfeld put it “...(Generated) Around a Positive Vision Concretized in Locally Rooted Action”. The forum invites and connects all the actors, at all scales, and across all movement sectors that have an interest or stake in place-based Pro Democracy inter-movement impact organizing and Beloved Community building.
- **STRATEGIC BRIEFING FORUM (SBF)**
Monthly or as needed. This is for partners and potential partners to the Inter-Movement Impact Project. Being a “project” we do not have a “board” or an “advisory group” but this forum provides a time and a place for those kinds of conversations with an ever changing mix of familiar and new faces and perspectives. This leadership and strategy conversation construct is for those who want to better understand, or to go deeper with, the Inter-Movement Impact Project as a partner, co-convener, collaborator, volunteer, funder, or to become an ambassador / special envoy for our work.

CROSS-POLLINATORS

LEADERS, PARTNERS, AMBASSADORS & MESSENGERS

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead.

We are cross-pollinators and seek out and hold dear those who share our mission and passion for Inter-Movement and Beloved Community building work. We do not have a formal inter-movement leaders circle or a dedicated leaders forum (at this time) but we do know who our partners and movement building leader friends are and we invite curated groups of them to present or engage in specific mission critical forums as appropriate. Many of our partners choose to participate in many of our forums as it suits them.

CONNECTED CONVENINGS

Connected Convenings is an Inter-Movement Impact Project framework and strategy for empowering both intra-movement (within a field) and inter-movement (between fields) Pro Democracy Movement & Beloved Community Building and it goes like this.

- Major (and minor) pro democracy summits and conferences can be a significant vehicle for movement building within and between the Pro Democracy Movement Matrix (Movement of Many Movements).
- The 'connected convenings' idea is to offer the Pro Democracy Movement Matrix 'operating systems' and framework (drawn from the pro democracy ecosystem, arranged into a coherent whole, and then offered back to be used and modified as appropriate) to pro democracy summit and conference conveners to consider as they frame, purpose and design their conference/summit programming .
- The Pro Democracy Movement of many Movements operating system and this connected convenings framework invites Pro Democracy conveners to design each of their important gatherings with greater awareness of each other, where they fit in the movement matrix and to look for synergistic opportunities to cross-pollinate, leverage and build upon one another's important convening and movement building work.
- Similarly, conveners might discover they have the opportunity to sequentially (progressively) "pass the ball" of important themes, visions, information, strategies, etc from one conference to another to foster significant cross-movement connectivity, alignment, synergies, influence and impact.
- When appropriate, the Inter-Movement Impact Project can present or host (co-host) Inter-Movement Impact Strategy sessions on the program or an adjacent gathering to a conference. The purpose and framing of the session is fundamentally "We will explore the issues and opportunities related to organizing for collective impact, mass-movement making / preparedness, and Inter-Movement Beloved Community building." This was done with great success at the NANR December 2022 Summit and is being organized in partnership with NANR for a pre ADS gathering (1:00 - 4:00 PM, Sept 26th) in Los Angeles.

The Transpartisan Left--Center--Right Axis is one important inter-movement organizing dimension / framework for a connected convening approach to organizing our Pro Democracy Movement Building Summits and Conferences. When we meet face to face with our unlikely allies we can more effectively build critical connections of mutual respect and support within and between each 'segment' of the LEFT---CENTER---RIGHT spectrum as follows.

LEFT Progressive Activists+Organizers---**CENTER** Reformers+Bridgers+Civic Engagers---**Principled Conservatives** **RIGHT**

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[22ND Century](#) + [ADS](#) + [NCDD](#) + [Conf on Citizenship](#) + [NANR](#) + [Democracy360](#) + [Principles First](#)

ZOOM GROUPS / CONVENINGS

Just like Connected Convenings we recognize that pro democracy Zoom Groups, Webinars and Coalition “Calls” are a significant vehicle for movement building within and between the Pro Democracy Movement Matrix (Movement of many Movements). We attend as many as we can and do as much inter-movement cross-pollinating as possible, often by asking good questions or making quick announcements or by sharing news about one group to another and sometimes by being a presenter.

Examples include: Bill Shireman’s Leadership Circle, The Meeting of The Concerned, FixUS Breakfast Meeting, Principles First Meetings, ListenFirst Coalition Call, Democracy Communications Collaborative, 12:01 Network (22 Century Initiative) etc.

LOCAL INTERSECTIONS PROJECT

LIP supports forums, infrastructure and facilitation that strategically connect and synergize state and local entities and endeavors working to defend and strengthen our democracy, civic health, social cohesion and social justice along with complimentary national movements, entities, programs, information, technical resources and funding.

The Local Intersections Project (LIP) is a high priority Inter-Movement **synergy project**. It was germinated at the December 2022 National Association of Nonpartisan Reformers (NANR) Summit where participants celebrated the inter-movement **cooperative actions** that were responsible for the many State and local election reform campaign successes accomplished during the 2022 midterm election cycle.

The question at the heart of this project is: Can we strategically, intentionally and considerably build on the successful cooperative endeavors at state and local places to foster and germinate multistranded transpartisan pro democracy movements / communities at the local and state levels?

PRO DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT AND BELOVED COMMUNITY BUILDING WHEREVER & HOWEVER WE ENGAGE

The Local Intersections Project (LIP) honors that democracy, to a great extent, is generated, expressed and experienced ‘where we live’ and as Rachel Kleinfeld put it:

(Generated) Around a Positive Vision Concretized in Locally Rooted Action

The aim of Local Intersections is to strategically and considerably connect Local, State and National inter-movement Pro Democracy Movement and Beloved Community building endeavors. We are co-developing and refining a **Local Intersections** inter-movement set of principles, processes and a **Playbook** that empower the circular dynamics of cooperation and coordination between local, state and national actors, endeavors and resources.

When invited by a locality, Local Intersections Project will assist existing place-based entities and coalitions during their start up efforts to:

- Create their own place-specific Local Intersections / Inter-Movement Generative Forums
- Gain strength through mutually beneficial inter-movement connections to National entities
- Grow & sustain their own home-grown Pro Democracy Movement & Beloved Communities, and
- Develop a sense of "belonging" to the national / collective Pro Democracy Movement

Like IMIP, the Local Intersections Project's mission is in service to realizing two significant visions and strategies. The first is Strategy #4 of [Rachel Kleinfeld's 'Five Strategies to Support US Democracy'](#)

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**IMIP added 'Beloved Community'*

The second is “**Bridge*, Block and Build**”, brought forth by the impressive work of the 22ND Century Initiative team and proffered at the July 2023 watershed Pro Democracy Movement building “[22nd Century Conference: Forging a People-Powered Democracy](#)”. This is a useful, concise and complete vision, framework and call to action at any scale but especially for place-based activism & advocacy related to Pro Democracy Movement and Beloved Community building. *(IMIP added Bridge)

FORGE A “PEOPLE POWERED DEMOCRACY”

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DEMOCRACY VOX & MESHWORK

DEMOCRACY VOX

“The Voice(s)” of the Pro Democracy Movement and Beloved Community.

Starting with some of our best and most trusted transpartisan pro democracy, civic health, social cohesion and social justice messengers, can we build a cross-posting community of communicators to better spread the “the good word” about pro democracy and beloved community building (in 2024 and beyond)?

This Cross-Posting Community of trusted messengers can be “The Voice” that shares the multi-perspective story of:

- The growing and evolving Transpartisan Pro Democracy Movement of Many Movements and Beloved Community
- How we are leveraging 2024 to rapidly build and grow Rachel Kleinfeld’s **Broad-based, Multistranded, Pro-democracy Movement ([Beloved Community](#)) around a Positive Vision Concretized in Locally Rooted Action**
- And how we are embracing a shared positive vision to **FORGE A PEOPLE POWERED DEMOCRACY** (this can be worded in many ways)
- Built around a shared **3B** framework, strategy and call to action that we will:
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MESHWORK

The ecosystem of internet properties, social media channels and other communication channels where our Pro Democracy and Beloved Community messages are shared by trusted messengers.

Starting with a simple Inter-Movement Community LinkedIn Group and then adding other appropriate internet properties, IMIP will systematically and strategically connect our small but purposeful meshwork and messenger community to the broader and more diverse meshwork of Pro Democracy, Civic Health, Social Cohesion and Social Justice digital media channels, properties & social media nodes. Growing the community of trusted communicators and refining the transpartisan messages can happen as we expand the meshwork of communication properties and channels. This is the essence of the DEMOCRACY VOX-MESHWORK idea and collaborative communications endeavor. 2024 is a good time to make it happen.

IMPACT FUND

INTER-MOVEMENT IMPACT FUND (IMIF) A CONCEPT UNDER DEVELOPMENT

- An Inter-Movement Impact Fund (Trust, Portfolio of Projects) (IMIF) could be a compelling offering for funders who appreciate the bold vision of actually aligning, cohering and amplifying the collective influence (power) and impact (breakthrough results) of the Pro Democracy Movement of many Movements and Beloved Community through relatively small number of mission critical and interdependent Key Lever Endeavors / Projects / Functions (KLE).
- All of the KLE projects are to be housed outside of IMIP except for our IMIP convening and KLE project / endeavor incubation functions. Funding a core IMIP staff of 4-6 independent contractors, their conference fees & travel expenses, and a modest digital infrastructure meshwork is all the "overhead" there would be. A good portion of the Fund is earmarked for pass-through to a portfolio of Inter-Movement Projects and Key Lever Endeavors.
- IMIP (as an independent actor and resource attractor) can curate, represent and promote a specific Inter-Movement portfolio of Projects and Key Lever Endeavors that all go directly to the matter of Inter-Movement collective impact organizing for the Pro Democracy Movement of many movements for the next 3 years (and beyond).
- One possibility is for a Transpartisan / Right leaning entity and a Transpartisan Left leaning entity to team up to co-fund-house-administer the Inter-Movement Impact Fund. Having two existing, trusted and transpartisan entities "administering" the IMIF could be appealing to many investors. Having each entity receive a small administrative / management fee would be a reasonable and expected overhead expense for the IMIF.
- Having an independent Inter-Movement Investment Fund advisory/oversight group also composed of diverse movement perspectives and who share an inter-movement collective influence & impact worldview. Having the IMIP purpose, mission and framework serving as a connective tissue for the Pro Democracy ecosystem of movements and seen as a "non-fiefdom platform" for forums, common cause

frameworks, communication infrastructure, and resource sharing would overcome some structural challenges. To wit

- Other umbrella organizations could have done such a thing but it hasn't turned out that way. An independent IMIP and IMIF could actually deliver on providing a Non-Fiefdom vehicle for high ROI Inter-Movement investments that actualize / manifest a significantly more cohesive and powerful Pro Democracy, Political System Reform, Civic Health, Social Cohesion & Social Justice Movement of many movements (and the beloved community that goes with that!).

KEY LEVER ENDEAVORS

KEY LEVER ENDEAVORS (KLE) are those essential, mission critical and interdependent pro democracy projects or endeavors that must co-arise and coordinate (bridge) to counter (block) the forces that are deteriorating our liberal democracy, and provide the reinforcing causal loop that allows us to co-generate (build) a more perfect democracy and 'we the people'.

IMIP RALLIES SUPPORT FOR KLE's that are either being incubated through our IMIP Generative Forums or that are being generated, developed and administered by specific inter-movement savvy leaders, organizations or coalitions that are collaborating to achieve the critical mass of collective impact needed to defend and advance democracy, political system reform, civic health, social cohesion and social justice.

THE KLE LIST (AS OF OCTOBER 2023): KEY LEVER ENDEAVORS

- INTER-MOVEMENT GENERATIVE FORUMS, BRIEFINGS AND CONVENINGS
- INTER-MOVEMENT LEADERS FORUM / CONVENINGS
- INTER-MOVEMENT CONNECTED CONVENINGS: DESIGN, HOSTING, PROGRAMMING & FACILITATION
- LOCAL INTERSECTIONS FORUM-PROJECT (AND CONVENINGS)
- LOCAL INTERSECTIONS: PLACE SPECIFIC PRO DEMOCRACY INTER-MOVEMENT START UPS
- PRO DEMOCRACY VOX - MESHWORK: MOVEMENT COMMUNITY BUILDING CENTRIC TO START AND EXTENDING OUT & INTO A CONSTITUENCY BUILDING MESHWORK
- CITIZEN CONNECT: INTER-MOVEMENT / BELOVED COMMUNITY-WE THE PEOPLE BUILD OUT
- [HEALTHY DEMOCRACY LANDSCAPE MAP AND RESOURCE WEBSITE / MESH](#)
- INTER-MOVEMENT WEBSITE, SUBSTACK & SLACK WORKSPACE?
- PRINCIPLED CITIZEN / BELOVED COMMUNITY / WE THE PEOPLE (MWEG + PARTNERS)
- PRINCIPLED CONSERVATIVE / PRINCIPLES FIRST: INTER-MOVEMENT SYNERGY PROJECT SUPPORTING THE EMERGENCE OF A HEALTHY CONSERVATIVE FACTION / HOME / PARTY
- FORWARD PARTY: INTER- MOVEMENT SYNERGY PROJECT

- 22ND CENTURY INITIATIVE / BRIDGE-BLOCK-BUILD / PEOPLE POWERED LIBERAL DEMOCRACY: INTER-MOVEMENT SYNERGY PROJECT
- NEW WAY POLITICS: EMERGENT INTER-MOVEMENT DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT
- CORPORATE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY: INTER-MOVEMENT SUPPORT FOR THE EMERGENCE OF A PRO DEMOCRACY BUSINESS & ETHICAL MARKET DRIVEN ECONOMY (ETHICAL CAPITALISM?)
- INTER-MOVEMENT IMPACT FUND: FUNDING A PORTFOLIO OF INTER-MOVEMENT INFLUENCE & IMPACT ENDEAVORS & BREAKTHROUGHS

WEBSITE

INTER-MOVEMENT WEBSITE, SUBSTACK & SLACK WORKSPACE?

IMIP will build a website at some point. It could be a very simple thing or have a social network kind of function or.....

Does the movement builder / engaged person / advocate / activist / academic / influencer / communicator aka the diverse Inter-Movement Community Supporting Democracy need a community resource hub website? Citizen Connect is good for pro democracy everyday constituents to get connected and engaged but what do we need for the pro democracy movement builders community? And what will come of the Mapping a Healthy Democracy Ecosystem: [Center for Democracy Innovation](#) ? Does that get its own website and become a Movement Building Community Hub?

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