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Message from the Chairman

Greetings TPC Community,

As we wind down 2017 and look forward to 2018, it is a time of both reflection and anticipation. 2017 afforded us the opportunity to connect with hundreds of new people and grow our community network through our meetings, collaborations, social media and The Chaos or Community Conference. 2018 will surely afford us with the opportunity to build on that momentum, and make our voices heard in the crucial local, state and federal elections that are ahead.

I look forward to sharing more with you concerning The People's Campaign 2018 #VOTE4US Challenge, which you can learn more about at www.campaignforpeople.com/vote4us/, and many more opportunities to Be The Change!

In the meantime, please take advantage of the numerous opportunities that this season affords to give, share, connect and, hopefully, rest. 2018 is coming!

Yours in Service,

L. Clark Williams





Gov. Bevin's Plan Is More Robin Hood In Reverse

By: L. Clark Williams

In the late middle ages, an outlaw dressed in a particular shade of green emerged in English folklore. The wealthy nobles of Nottingham would say that he and his band of merry men terrorized the Sherwood Forest by disrupting profitable trade routes. Yet, this legendary character's name grew to heroic proportions because each seceding generation has found something redemptive about Robin Hood's devotion to robbing from the rich and giving to the poor. Conversely, one of the biggest problems we face in Kentucky today, is Governor Bevin's commitment to practicing "Robin Hood in reverse," whereby he gives to the rich what he takes from the poor, teachers and other workers. [READ MORE](#)



Why We Should Speak Up, Stand Up and/or "Take A Knee" - An Essay

By: Randall Dalton

Let me start off by identifying the “we” who I feel should take a stand, and be involved in activism as it relates to bringing more clarity and insight to conversations and discussions about “racial injustices”, racism / bigotry (“institutionalized” and otherwise), discrimination and other issues that continue to divide this nation along racial and ethnic lines. This “we” should be individuals who recognize that there continues to be problems that need to be addressed. This group should be made up of men and women who are not afraid to listen to and speak truths that may make others, who insist that they are not responsible for the “sins of their fathers / grandfathers / great-grandfathers”, uncomfortable and thus defensive. [READ MORE](#)



THANK YOU FOR MAKING 2017 A HALLMARK YEAR FOR THE PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN!

If 2016 was an awakening to the depths of our social and political problems as a society with the election of Donald Trump, then 2017 certainly represents an awakening of The People to the need to stand up, to engage, to have their voices heard, and to lay the groundwork for a future in Kentucky and across the United States that is built on the ideals of unity, not division, hope, not hate, and the truth of our reality, not the myth of fake news.

For The People's Campaign, 2017 represents an important step towards building an infrastructure to help Kentucky elect real progressive leaders who are committed to the issues of The People - affordable healthcare for everyone, an equitable tax structure that lifts up the middle class, an immigration system that offers support to our brothers and sisters around the world, a focus on improving schools and providing access to equal academic opportunities to students regardless of their background.

This past year, The People's Campaign multiplied its membership, welcoming dozens of new members at all donor levels to its ranks. We also expanded our community efforts with the first ever Meetup To Move Brunch series, where we gathered for good food, community fellowship and networking, and we heard from some of the state's most prominent voices on policy areas like healthcare, education, and organizing.

Our hallmark event for 2017 was the inaugural "Chaos or Community?" Conference held at the Lyric Theatre this past fall. We hosted a crowd of enthusiastic Kentuckians who came together to discuss how we can organize to move Kentucky forward. A slate of community activists, elected officials, educators, and organization leaders came together to lend their voices to pressing issues facing our community. The event was a great success, and we are already preparing for next year's conference!

If you have not yet joined the People's Campaign, or would like to renew your membership for 2018, now is the time to add your name to our ranks! [CLICK HERE](#) to join/renew your membership today!

We want to wish you all a warm and joyous holiday season with family and friends, and we will enter the new year together, looking forward to another year of growth and progress. 2018 is an election year - which means there is much work to be done. We're ready! We hope you are too!

There's never been a better opportunity to make your voice heard!

If you would like to be a part of this important movement, then click below to Join the People's Campaign or to learn more about how you can be a part of our efforts!

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