

SUMMIT FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

Saturday, December 9th
9:30am - 5:00pm

PROGRAM

9:30am Arrival & Coffee

10:00am Welcome, How We Got Here & Our Agenda

11:30am Breakouts & Lunch

12:30pm Ratify our Agenda

1:00pm Action!

3:30pm Celebration (@ Carrie Nation, 11 Beacon Street, Boston)



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10-YEAR AGENDA FOR MASSACHUSETTS

**Adopted at the Summit for the Public Good
December 9, 2017 — Boston, MA**

We have gathered at the Summit for the Public Good to set a bold, long-term agenda that is rooted in our values and vision, shifts our overall approach to organizing and creates strategic alignment so that our victories position us to govern in a new way.

VALUES AND VISION

“Justice is what love looks like in public.”

We believe and assert:

- All peoples are born free and should never be held in slavery or servitude.
- Housing and the freedom to live and migrate where we choose without fear of displacement, is a Human Right.
- Clean air, clean water, clean energy and a healthy environment is the right of all living beings.
- Everyone has the right to safe, meaningful, life-sustaining jobs and to work with dignity, respect and democratic control of their workplace.
- Music, dance, food, visual arts and spiritual practices from various peoples and cultures are at the foundation of what we build.
- Diversity, cooperation, solidarity, open borders, and living in balance with mother earth centers our movement for justice.
- Our movement is intergenerational and interdependent. Young people and seniors have the power and the right to lead the change that will uplift their dignity and existence.
- A governance structure that assures the right to vote for everyone, shifts decision-making into the hands of the majority and guarantees freedom from all forms of oppression must be built and celebrated.
- Systems of violence and control that take wealth and resources away from our communities must be challenged and dismantled.

10-YEAR GOALS

*“Another world is not only possible, she is on her way.
On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.”*

We will organize to:

- Protect the soul of our cities, fight against displacement, and expand our publicly owned and operated institutions, such as education and transit, land and housing, and health and human services.
- Ensure corporations and major industries operating within Massachusetts pay their fair share, contribute to the public good, stop polluting and no longer make profits off the backs of all workers and our communities.
- Grow a powerful, inclusive electoral block that expands our democracy, transforms our governance system, and increases voter rights, public financing of elections, and diversity at all levels of government.
- Defend and strengthen the rights of all workers through organizing collective bargaining contracts and challenging corporations directly to serve the common good.
- Educate current and future generations in a way that honors our history and legacy of struggle, resistance and liberation.
- Build community land trusts, neighborhood gardens, and local cooperatives that put the health and well-being of our planet and our families at the center of policies that will serve the public good.
- Invest in a system of care that nurtures our young, promotes the dignity of our elders and the wellness of all generations through universal programs for child, health and senior care.
- Seat our own people in powerful positions within community organizations, labor unions and government.
- Create an inclusive and welcoming Commonwealth for all people to plant roots and thrive regardless of immigration status.

HOW WE DO IT

“It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love each other and support each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains.”

We will struggle together to:

- **Model our Vision for Change** and build the democratic institutions and infrastructure we need to both challenge power and model the change we want to see.
- **Invest in the People to Lead our Struggle** and ensure that people most affected by the issues we want to confront are supported to develop the strategic analysis and organizing skills needed to stand at the forefront of the struggle for change.
- **Contest Power at its Source** and take our fights fearlessly, strategically and directly to the corporations who make outrageous profits off of everyday people.
- **Create a more Inclusive Democracy** and invest in leaders from our own organizations to run for office, to govern with the people, and to advance our agenda together.
- **Build a United Front** that allows us to move beyond the differences that have been used to divide and distract us, and instead recognize our interdependence to harness our collective power.
- **Keep Race, Class and Gender at the Center of our Movement** by cultivating a deep understanding of the historic roots of the problems we are trying to address while, protecting and advancing historically and currently oppressed communities.

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