LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DAMAREO COOPER

Forces have conspired to disrupt our communities and hurt people in the state of Ohio. Budget priorities and our criminal justice system too often strip people of their full humanity, and have allowed ripples of trauma (experienced through economic, social, racial, and sexual violence) to grow into crushing waves that crash into our neighborhoods, eroding the foundation needed to build and sustain safe and healthy communities.

At the same time, we have seen the rampant unchecked accumulation of wealth in Ohio and the nation while public schools fail to receive constitutionally mandated funding and mass incarceration is on the rise. Violence in our neighborhoods and the trauma caused by drug addiction and abuse are spreading across the state through towns and cities, large and small. The voices and votes of directly impacted people and their loved ones are taken for granted or simply ignored.

The Ohio Organizing Collaborative exists so people who work and struggle to survive on low wages in communities that lack real access to opportunity have a place to build and wield power. We exist to push back against the misuse of power by leaders unfit to win a better future for our children, our families, and ourselves. Together we must stand for our values, for our families, and against empire.

The OOC has organized to build a base of leaders over the past decade who can connect criminal justice to economic justice issues. We have won campaigns that challenge the school to prison pipeline and fought for health care and to protect the safety net for vulnerable children and families. We’ve registered hundreds of thousands of voters since 2008—mostly unlikely voters and first-time registrants—and trained hundreds of leaders from communities that have been ignored, polluted, underserved, and disinvested in by powerful corporate actors and their elected lackeys.

I’m honored to be in this struggle at this time for human rights and dignity. I believe that the OOC is in the right position, has the correct vision, and can lead at this moment. Working together, we have the talent, vision, and people to ensure a safe and healthy Ohio for all of us. Simply put, I believe that we will win!

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THE OHIO ORGANIZING COLLABORATIVE

WHO WE ARE

Formed in 2007, the Ohio Organizing Collaborative (OOC) is an innovative statewide organization uniting community organizations, students, faith institutions, labor unions, and policy groups across Ohio. Our coalition of 20 organizations has members in every major metropolitan area across the state who work on issues that include criminal justice reform, defense of healthcare and safety net programs, police accountability, and equitable public investment.

Our mission is to organize everyday Ohioans to build transformative power for social, racial, and economic justice in our state. To achieve these ends, OOC uses a variety of hard-hitting strategies ranging from issue campaigns to civic engagement to leadership development and movement building work. Our organizing uses a broad range of techniques, including faith-based, worker-led, neighborhood-based, student-led, and constituency organizing strategies.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

Our theory of change is rooted in the belief that people directly impacted by a problem must be at the center of creating the solutions to that problem. More than fifty years of poor people's movements have taught us that change only happens in organizing campaigns centered in the leadership of directly impacted people and communities. We at the OOC have dedicated ourselves to this mission and it is at the root of all our organizing and community power building. Our theory rests on two key premises: that strong people don't need strong leaders (-Ella Baker), and that power concedes nothing without a demand; it never did and it never will (-Frederick Douglass).

Our core task is building an educated base of leaders whose economic and racial justice analysis is developed through community organizing, movement building, and direct action. Through leadership meetings, trainings, and workshops we build strategies with grassroots leaders that build power to win local, county, and statewide victories and bring real change to under-resourced and ignored communities.

ORGANIZING IN THIS MOMENT

We believe we must harness the power of movement moments to transform the energy of the resistance into a long-haul effort to win progressive change. Since the election of Donald Trump, the country has seen surges of resistance energy and yet the experiences of Occupy Wall St., Black Lives Matter, and Senate Bill 5 in Ohio show us that protest does not inevitably lead to political power. Rallies, marches, and mobilizations do not necessarily build lasting organization. However, moments like these have historically served as catalysts for genuine progressive change. We believe that we are living and working in just such a crucial historical moment, and that we are uniquely positioned to build a multi-racial, grassroots, economic justice movement capable of creating lasting political change in Ohio.
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

OUR APPROACH TO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

We see civic engagement as an important cornerstone to building community power. Since 2012, the OOC has registered more than 250,000 Ohioans to vote. We have also run large scale integrated voter engagement programs that have had a dramatic impact on municipal election turnout. We will build on these accomplishments in 2018 and 2019.

All of our civic engagement programs have four objectives: first, to build power with community members to advance our issue campaigns; second, to educate as many people in our communities as possible about the importance of voting and participating in the political process; third, to continually develop the community engagement skills of our volunteer leaders and base; and fourth, to make sure we are achieving our registration goals. Our civic engagement program is fully integrated into the long-term strategy and goals of our organization(s) so that electoral work is but one aspect of a larger strategy to build power for our communities.

Using an integrated voter engagement (IVE) model, we combine our short-term electoral objectives with longer-term power building goals.

INTEGRATED VOTER ENGAGEMENT

Since 2014, the OOC has been developing and experimenting with integrated voter engagement models that blend neighborhood and faith-based community organizing with civic engagement tactics. Our model combines political education developed through base building and organizing local campaigns with voter registration and get out the vote (GOTV) efforts. We have learned that organizing activists and leaders to use elections as a way to address issues in their communities is more effective than “parachute programs” that drop into a community three months prior and leave immediately following Election Day.

We target either infrequent or unregistered voters in low turnout communities. Our leaders and staff use popular education to build a shared political analysis connecting politics to the lived experience of leaders in communities. We directly challenge notions of perceived apathy by elevating issues that people of color and people in low income communities care about as an integral part of our civic engagement strategy.

As an example of this work, OOC’s regional affiliate, the Akron Organizing Collaborative ran an IVE program that increased African American turnout in their city by 13% in the 2016 midterm election. This is particularly significant in Ohio given that overall New American Majority (NAM) voting was down statewide since the 2008 and 2012 elections.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Most of the Ohioans we have registered to vote have been infrequent or new voters. Of the roughly seven million eligible voters in the state of Ohio, fewer than half participate in most elections. Some say this is due to apathy. We challenge that assumption by merging civic engagement with issue organizing in directly impacted communities. Our goal is to target and recruit non-voters and activate low propensity voters by connecting civic participation to decisions made by elected officials that will have significant impact on their lives.

The truth is that many potential voters do not know what precinct or ward they live in, or what role elected officials play in the allocation of limited municipal, county, and state resources. Through movement building and Paulo Freire-style popular education, we educate and give basic tools to clarify the link between voting and resources for underserved communities.

In the 2016 election cycle, we registered more than 184,000 Ohioans to vote. In 2018, we will register more than 100,000 people in our state through a disciplined network of community partners, volunteers, and paid staff. Our goal is to make sure that every citizen who wants to participate in this year’s critical election is registered and able to do so. Along with our regular community canvass, we have cultivated relationships that will allow us access to Ohio’s Department of Job and Family Service facilities as well as local jails to register individuals who are currently incarcerated for misdemeanor offenses (people held in county jails for misdemeanors can vote in Ohio).
TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND ORGANIZING MODELS

TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The OOC invests deeply to develop the capacity of thousands of grassroots leaders who learn skills that help them build power in their neighborhoods, workplaces, and faith communities. Merging strong leadership development and training with exciting and ambitious issue campaigns creates robust structures capable of delivering both voters and strong turnout at direct actions.

The OOC hosts an annual weeklong organizing training that more than 800 leaders have completed over the past nine years. Our weeklong training has three primary aims:

1. Strengthen our leaders’ and local activists’ community organizing skills and develop leaders who understand the basics of organizing;

2. Develop organizational leadership and infrastructure capable of designing and winning local campaigns in dynamic new ways;

3. Build deeper trust and collaboration between urban and rural communities, faith, neighborhood, and union organizing groups to strengthen infrastructure in Ohio.

POLITICAL EDUCATION

Our political education program is anchored in a deeply participatory process of research, strategy planning, action, reflection/learning, and further planning. We integrate political education into our organizing and civic engagement work in order to provide a foundational understanding of the structural inequalities of America’s racist and classist political system. This brings new people into the work of building power, and also helps activists of any experience level sharpen their analysis to focus their work more strategically. When leaders understand the true history behind the issues we tackle, we can better identify the right strategies and tactics to address problems in our communities.

This work is crucial to combatting the dominant narratives surrounding mass incarceration and poverty in Ohio. When everyday people are given the tools to understand and tell their stories—and the stories of their communities—in the context of structural inequality and oppression, we begin to shift the public narrative from the grassroots level up. For this reason, our communications and digital teams work closely with organizing and field teams, as well as directly with grassroots leaders, to develop our messages, materials, and trainings.

DIGITAL ORGANIZING

In addition to amplifying our narrative and providing tools for members and partners to share consistent, effective messages, our digital program exists to move people to take real action both on- and offline. Whether it is a campaign to share viral graphics, a petition to build our list, or a text blast to local supporters, digital campaigning allows us to grow our base and mobilize supporters to take action quickly (rapid response).

Detailed digital engagement plans are created in collaboration with organizers, leaders, and field staff that incorporate key campaign peaks. Ongoing engagement moves existing supporters from online to offline actions, and new supporters from offline actions to online engagement. By cycling supporters through this integration, we can create a robust online ecosystem to greatly expand our reach and digital relationships. In 2018 and 2019, we will experiment with building up new teams of activist leaders in geographies (particularly rural and small town Ohio) that currently lack strong progressive infrastructure.

In 2017, we began building a “digital support team” comprised of volunteer leaders with the skill and desire to assist our Digital Coordinator in the creation of email and social media content. In 2018 we will continue to build and train this team. We will also experiment with making big asks of those we engage online —i.e. organize a rally in your town to call for more funding for drug treatment and fewer prisons via a combination of email, text, and social media. Recent movement mobilizations have shown us that everyday people are ready and willing to take risks during significant moments. We believe the disaster that is our federal government (led by a white nationalist President, focused only on delivering for the 1%) creates a crisis that calls on all of us to build wider and deeper people-centered infrastructure, making big asks with the potential for big change.
TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND ORGANIZING MODELS

SMALL CITY AND RURAL ORGANIZING

The rise of Indivisible and other resistance formations in rural areas, as well as grassroots activism responding to the opioid crisis, gives OOC a unique opportunity to establish a full statewide grassroots presence bridging the perceived urban-rural divide. Poor people in urban areas, small towns, and rural communities are all struggling as economic inequality continues to rise. We believe that this is the moment – as low-income white communities are being impacted by the opioid crisis, the War on Drugs, and the criminal justice system – to build a multi-racial “poor people’s movement” at the intersection of the fights to win economic justice and end mass incarceration.

Most of the Indivisible and other resistance formations in Ohio have an informal structure and are led by and comprised of people who are new to activism. They have little or no contact with the established progressive movement in the state, and many feel that their communities have been written off by larger progressive organizations due to a perceived lack of alignment. Despite their small size, these groups are often large enough to have a significant impact in their community. For example, having 120 active volunteers and 250 supporters in Knox County is equivalent to having 2,683 active volunteers and 5,590 supporters in Franklin County. In the short-term, we believe we can recruit volunteer teams in at least 6 rural counties by framing our statewide decarceration campaign in terms of the opioid crisis. In the long-term, we seek to create an Ohio “Small Town Collaborative” project that unites groups of disparate activists into sustainable local organizations enhanced by statewide coordination, shared values and joint campaigns.

FAITH ORGANIZING

Our faith organizing work focuses on racial justice and equity issues, placing race at the center of a prophetic movement for justice in Ohio. More than 50 congregations are members of OOC’s Cincinnati-based affiliate, the AMOS Project, and the newly-formed Columbus People’s Partnership has engaged 25 congregations so far. Through deep engagement, training, and the leadership of everyday people, the OOC and its member organizations build organizing capacity in congregations and neighborhoods across Ohio.

After developing a “people’s platform” with their members in 2015, the AMOS Project won a monumental victory with the passage of Issue 44 in 2016. AMOS volunteers engaged in months of voter education and mobilized unprecedented grassroots support for the levy, which expands access to quality, affordable preschool for three and four year olds in the city. The campaign grew out of the platform’s goal of disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline. In 2018 and 2019, the AMOS Project and its member congregations and leaders are committed to radical reductions in Ohio’s incarceration rates, standing up for bail reform, eliminating racial disparities in the justice system, and fighting for good jobs for all workers. Through direct actions, rallies, and public meetings, AMOS leaders will engage elected, business, and community leaders to work together on these critical community issues.

Organized in 2016, the Columbus People’s Partnership (CPP) is a vehicle for people of faith, community members, and students to organize collectively to create a more economically and racially equitable city. CPP’s three core strategic approaches include: grassroots community organizing, civic engagement, and public policy reform. The CPP coalition has brought together community, faith, and student leaders to organize against the criminalization of low income people and people of color, to call for police accountability, and to end the school-to-prison pipeline.
OUR ORGANIZING CAMPAIGNS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Since its founding in 2007, the OOC has been fighting to reform the criminal justice system at the state and local levels. In 2012, following years of organizing and policy work, the OOC and our partner Ohio Justice and Policy Center (OJPC) won collateral sanction reform, increasing opportunity for 1.9 million Ohioans with criminal records by removing barriers that prevented returning citizens from obtaining occupational and professional licenses. In a span of 2 years, OOC member organizations won 14 local fair hiring ordinances in communities across the state. In 2015, OOC and OJPC crafted and successfully passed the Ohio Fair Hiring Act which “bans the box” on all public job applications. In 2017, we worked together again to pass the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (TCAP) program through the state budget. TCAP expands funding for counties to divert nonviolent offenders away from state prison and into community treatment and rehabilitation programs. In Columbus, OOC affiliates Columbus People’s Partnership and the People’s Justice Project won a major victory in 2017 when, after months of direct action calling for police accountability and investment in new safety priorities, the city agreed to end a controversial police initiative and to move funds into public health and community safety programs.

In 2018 and beyond, we will continue the fight to end mass incarceration and create a more racially and economically equitable Ohio. In order to win, we must build a multi-racial movement around a shared vision for our state and redefine the dominant narrative around safety. Faith leaders and impacted families need to be at the center of strategies to change the criminal justice system. The OOC is growing our statewide network of partners, members, and allies who are investing in this campaign to end the criminalization of poverty and win investment in people and communities.

As we prepare to drive a statewide decarceration campaign, OOC organizers have built local campaigns calling for new public safety priorities. Organizers are engaging and recruiting people on the ground to be leaders in fights for police accountability, community safety, juvenile justice, restorative justice, and bail reform. Our leaders continue to build teams in communities directly impacted by economic disinvestment, violence, over-policing, and over-incarceration.

BAIL REFORM

At this moment, black and white Ohioans in communities across the state are incarcerated simply because they are unable to post bond. Families have lost custody of children. Jobs and homes have been lost – all because of a system that punishes people for being poor. With the dramatic rise of opioid addiction in counties across Ohio, jails have become the go-to place for treatment services. Ohio cannot incarcerate itself out of poverty, mental illness, or addiction. Bail and jail reform are efforts at the local level to work with stakeholders to change how and why people are kept in jail as they await trial. OOC organizations in some communities are organizing volunteers to engage incarcerated individuals for the purposes of registering them to vote and educating them about their rights as incarcerated Ohioans. In Ohio, individuals serving time for felony offenses are prevented from voting if they are still incarcerated on Election Day; otherwise, these individuals are eligible to vote, and we are working to ensure their voting rights are protected.

SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE

Truancy is the single largest driver of youth contact with the courts. Whenever a student is suspended, they become more likely to be expelled, more likely to drop out, and more likely to end up in the juvenile justice system and an ongoing cycle of recidivism as an adult. Students of color, low income students, and students with disabilities are far more likely than their white and higher income peers to be suspended. The OOC has been organizing across the state around ending the school to prison pipeline since 2012. We have passed local policies banning out of school suspensions for kids 3rd grade and below and successfully increased the use of restorative justice practices, trauma informed care, and diversion programs in schools. OOC worked with policy partners including the Juvenile Justice Coalition to pass a statewide truancy bill creating absence intervention teams in schools to prevent initial contact with the courts due to truancy.
DEFENDING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

In 2017, led by member organization Valley Voices United for Change, OOC worked to defend Ohio’s healthcare and other safety net programs that have come under withering attack in Congress since the election of Donald Trump. This work was driven primarily by leaders in the Mahoning Valley and supported by our communications and digital teams, who worked together to keep a spotlight on Senator Portman, calling on him to act in the best interest of all Ohioans. We generated letter writing campaigns, online petitions, text and phone banks, and even organized a sit-in at Portman’s D.C. office.

In 2018 and 2019, we will continue to fight for access to affordable healthcare for all Ohioans with a focus on drug treatment and addiction services. In this way, we will demonstrate the connection between investment in treatment and public health and divestment from prisons. The fight for health care and against mass incarceration are one fight for the future of our communities.

STUDENT DEBT

The Ohio Student Association (OSA) is a statewide network of young people organizing for power on their campuses and in their communities. OSA provides students with the tools and infrastructure necessary to be advocates for their own collective social and economic well-being.

In 2018 and 2019, OSA will continue its organizing and advocacy for measures to protect young Ohioans in their pursuit of higher education and social mobility. With for-profit pirates, bankers, and lobbyists at the helm of federal education policy, we believe Ohio has an obligation to protect students from fraud, mismanagement, and abuse. In 2017, OSA released a 3-part policy brief series and collected 130 student debt stories illustrating how student debt impacts young Ohioans. The policy briefs detailed: how predatory practices of collection impact low-income borrowers, unenrolled income-based eligible borrowers, and the impact of student debt on black women. The final report released in December 2017, “Ohio’s Forbearance: How our Current Higher Ed Policy Fails Minorities, Women, and Working Class Families” and our subsequent Facebook Live discussion on the report has prepared us to launch a statewide “End Student Debt Policy Platform” with OSA members, local campuses, and state partners. In 2018 and 2019, we will focus on a high impact legislative advocacy approach that protects current and former student debt holders by influencing the state budget cycle.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

For too long, Ohio has failed the health and wellness of families and workers by protecting polluters and energy conglomerates. Residents of small towns along the Ohio River Valley suffer from industrial pollutants left behind from incinerators, toxic and metallurgical warehouses, and chemical manufacturing. Over the next year, the OOC will organize local residents in eight counties where manganese and other industrial toxins have had a devastating impact on children’s health. These leaders will develop the skills to fight against energy lobbyists and legislators who profit at the expense of children and families.
MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Akron Organizing Collaborative
Akron Organizing Collaborative (AOC) is a broad-based organizing effort in Ohio’s Summit and Stark counties. AOC is composed of neighborhood circles, civic groups, churches, social service agencies, and other community organizations.

www.akronorganizing.org

The AMOS Project
The AMOS Project is a coalition of congregations in Greater Cincinnati dedicated to advancing justice and improving the quality of life for all residents. Through direct actions, rallies, and public meetings, AMOS leaders engage elected, business, and community leaders to work together on critical community issues.

www.theamosproject.org

Columbus People’s Partnership
The purpose of Columbus People’s Partnership is to be a powerful vehicle for faith, community, student, and labor bases to act collectively toward a more economically and racially equitable Columbus.

http://columbuspeople.org/

Communications Workers of America
The Communications Workers of America, District 4 (CWA) includes over 200 local unions that represent workers in telecommunications, informational technology, publishing, print and electronic media, manufacturing, higher education, local government and health care.

www.district4.cwa-union.org

Farm Labor Organizing Committee
The Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) was founded in the mid 1960s by Baldemar Velásquez, who organized migrant farmworkers in northwest Ohio. Today, FLOC represents a membership base of tens of thousands of migrant farmworkers.

www.floc.com

Iron Workers
The Iron Workers District Councils of Northern and Southern Ohio have represented workers throughout Ohio since 1896. Iron Workers are building solidarity with community organizations to further the cause of social and economic justice, because “we are stronger together”.

Kirwan Institute at The Ohio State University
The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity is an interdisciplinary engaged research institute. Its goal is to connect individuals and communities with opportunities needed for thriving by educating the public, building the capacity of allied social justice organizations, and investing in efforts that support equity and inclusion.

www.kirwaninstitute.osu.edu

Miami Valley Organizing Collaborative
Miami Valley Organizing Collaborative is a diverse alliance of neighborhood circles, churches, and labor unions working together to protect workers’ rights and to improve the quality of life of people living in Montgomery County and southwestern Ohio.

Miamivalleyorganizing.org

Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope
The Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope (NOAH) is a community organization based in East Cleveland that serves as a sounding board for residents and as an umbrella organization for other nonprofits, faith-based institutions, and community groups in the region.

www.noahorganizing.org

Ohio Baptist State Convention
The Ohio Baptist State Convention (OBSC) is an organized body of Baptist Churches seeking a common ground for fellowship, missions, Christian Education, evangelism, and social welfare. OBSC runs an extensive voter engagement program and has been actively involved in organizing for racial and economic justice across the state.

www.obsc1.org

Ohio Justice and Policy Center
The Ohio Justice & Policy Center (OJPC) is a non-profit law office that works for productive reform of Ohio’s criminal justice system. Through collaboration, research, community education, and litigation, OJPC advocates for a smart-on-crime, evidence-based approach to criminal justice.

www.ohiojpc.org

Ohio Student Association
Ohio Student Association (OSA) is a statewide youth organization that organizes and trains young people across Ohio to build and wield local and statewide power. OSA provides students with the tools and infrastructure necessary to be advocates for our own collective social and economic well-being.

www.ohiostudentassociation.org

Our Harvest Cooperative
Our Harvest is a Cincinnati-based union worker-owned cooperative committed to: creating family-sustaining jobs in greater Cincinnati, producing sustainably-grown, local produce, and sustaining these efforts by training new farmers.

www.facebook.com/OurHarvestCoop

People's Justice Project
The People’s Justice Project (PJP) organizes low income people and people of color to lead the fight against mass incarceration. Through civic engagement, community organizing, and direct action, we build independent political power in Ohio.

https://www.facebook.com/OhioPJP
MEMBERS, CONTINUED

Policy Matters Ohio
Policy Matters Ohio is a nonprofit policy research organization founded in January 2000 to broaden the debate about economic policy in Ohio. Our mission is to create a more fair, prosperous, sustainable, and inclusive Ohio, through research, media work, and policy advocacy.

www.policymattersohio.org

Service Employees International Union Local 1
The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1 unites more than 50,000 property service workers throughout mid-America, including janitors, security officers, residential doormen and maintenance workers, window cleaners, industrial workers, and theater and stadium workers.

www.seiu1.org

Toledoans United for Social Action
TUSA is a diverse coalition of congregations with a powerful, established community voice in Toledo. Individually and collectively, TUSA leaders build power, hold officials accountable, seek systemic change, and promote fairness, justice, and democracy.

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 75
UFCW Local 75 is a union of 30,000 people working in over 500 supermarkets, drug stores, food processing and packing plants, and healthcare facilities in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Local 75 is dedicated to the economic and social well-being of its members, the growth and advancement of the labor movement, and developing partnerships with community and faith groups.

www.ufcw75.org

Valley Voices United for Change
Valley Voices is a community organization partnering with neighborhood groups, faith- based institutions, labor unions, and nonprofit agencies in northeastern Ohio's Trumbull, Mahoning, and Columbiana counties to build the capacity necessary to create sustainable change in our communities.

Voices In Action
Voices In Action (VIA) is a citizen based community organization that works for a safer, cleaner, and more community oriented environment. We strive to find community led solutions to for the neighborhoods we live in.

NATIONAL PARTNERS

Alliance for Youth Action
We are a nationwide network of organizations building political power of young people, and the premier youth vote vehicle in the United States. We are local young people's organizations joining together to make each other – and our entire movement – stronger.

www.allianceforyouthaction.org

Caring Across Generations
Caring Across Generations is building a national movement to transform the way we care in this country. We are harnessing the power of social action, social media, and storytelling to spark connections across generations and to strengthen family and caregiving relationships.

www.caringacross.org

The Center for Community Change
The goal of CCC is to empower low-income people, particularly in communities of color, to make change that improves their communities and the public policies that affect their lives. Through every strand of CCC’s work, past and present, runs the conviction that those most affected by economic and social injustice are the best equipped to identify what change is necessary, and to make it happen.

www.communitychange.org

The Center for Popular Democracy
The Center for Popular Democracy works to create equity, opportunity, and a dynamic democracy in partnership with high-impact base-building organizations, organizing alliances, and progressive unions. CPD strengthens our collective capacity to envision and win an innovative pro-worker, pro-immigrant, racial and economic justice agenda.

https://populardemocracy.org/

National People's Action
National People's Action (NPA) is a network of grassroots organizations with a fierce reputation for direct action from across the country that work to advance a national economic and racial justice agenda. NPA has over 200 organizers working to unite everyday people in cities, towns, and rural communities throughout the United States through direct-action, house meetings and community organizing.

www.npa-us.org

PICO National Network
PICO is a national network of faith-based community organizations working to create innovative solutions to problems facing urban, suburban, and rural communities. PICO helps engage ordinary people in public life, building a strong legacy of leadership in thousands of local communities across America.

https://www.piconetwork.org/
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