



The Westminster/Broomfield MoveOn Council

Working to inform our citizens and transform the communities of Arvada, Broomfield, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton, Westminster and beyond.

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Send questions, comments, suggestions and contributions to council.co.ken@gmail.com
(Please get contributions to me by Mondays at noon for the next issue.)

Let me begin this 4th issue with a story.

About 3 months ago I found, after nearly a year of searching, a group of people who wanted to do something about the increasing problems and struggles going on in our Nation.

A small, but sincere group that shared my Progressive point of view. People who believe in the basic goodness of human beings and who want to find ways to give others the opportunity to become all they can be.

This group was and is the Westminster/Broomfield MoveOn Council. The name doesn't begin to sum up the friendly, open, welcoming fellowship that it is.

That's why I am a part of it today. Why I am joining with the rest of you to make a difference.

A plan, a strategy for change, is unfolding.

Cynthia is concerned about the increase in Fracking and wants to see something done about it.

Patty is involved in finding ways to wake people up about the inequalities and injustice behind poverty and unfair distribution of wealth.

Dave, Larry, Coyote and John spent time and energy putting together and holding a recent Event to inform us about "Corporations as People" and let those who showed up on December 15 know what they could do about it.

Penni wants to find ways to communicate and promote the adoption of the "Contract for the American Dream."

Carol, who is new to all of this, comes to CORE meetings to find out more about how she can contribute to making a difference about the things that are important to her.

Dottie has lots of experience and knowledge to share.

These are just a few stories about some of us that tell what we are about. Everyone has a passion. We all care deeply about our families, friends, neighbors and Nation. We want to see changes and work to accomplish them.

Now, we need a plan, a strategy to get better organized. A way to effectively inform more people and positively transform our communities and beyond.

So, how can we work together to realize our hopes, get things done, make a difference?

We are a quickly growing, enthusiastic, and great team with a friendly and accepting atmosphere. We welcome and need your help! There are lots of ways to take part and make a difference.

Here are options for ways you can be part of our Council.

Option 1. You might currently be one of our 17 **CORE** members. (The **CORE** is our **Steering Committee** and determines our goals and strategies.) Some of you may miss **CORE** meetings because of work schedules and other personal commitments, which is understandable. You share ideas by e-mail, and you show your support by attending Events. **If you are among this group, and are unable to attend the meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, you may want to change to being a Supporting Council Member. Just let us know if you want to change your status.** (If your schedule changes and you are able to once again participate as an active **CORE** member of the Steering Committee, we'd be delighted to have you back among us. It is easy to change back.)

Option 2. **If you are a Supporting Council Member but not part of the CORE and would like to join the CORE and meet with us on the 2nd and 4th Mondays to plan our efforts to inform and transform our communities,** just let either of our Co-coordinators Council.Co.Ken@gmail.com or penni124@comcast.net know, and we'll be in touch.

Option 3. If you are currently a **Supporting Council Member** and would like to join one of the **Standing Event Teams**, we'd like to know. We invite you to come to our meeting on Monday, January 16, 6:30 p.m. We will be identifying the different **Standing Event Teams** and organizing them.

Option 4. If you are receiving this e-mail and not a **Supporting Council Member**, but would like to be, let Ken know and we will be in touch. Council.Co.Ken@gmail.com

Option 5. Our **Affiliates and Allies** are important to us. These are folks who want to know what we do and who support us in various ways, but for a variety of reasons do not want to be official members. That's O.K. by us. We will keep letting you know what we are doing through the Weekly News.

The basic idea is that there are lots of ways you can support what we are doing, and we appreciate every one of them.





Here is our Unfolding Plan for January. Join us and help with the details.

Monday, January 9, 6:30 p.m. 1225
Westminster Council CORE Meeting - all are welcome and urged to attend. **So we know how many to expect, please sign in at:** <http://www.moveon.org/team/members/index.html>
ALL CORE & Council meetings are at 1445 Holly Drive West, Broomfield, Colorado, unless posted otherwise. Directions and map will show up when you sign up. **This will be our first meeting in 2012 and we will be determining goals for the New Year, including discussion about January 20 and 21 Events.**

Wednesday, January 11 - details to be announced
Possible presentation of **Move to Amend Event** by the **Standing Event Team on Move to Amend/Citizens United.**

Monday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.
Westminster Council Meeting for all council members and affiliates. We will focus our attention on building Standing Event Teams **Suggestion: good time for the Standing Event Team on Move to Amend/Citizens United to meet and work on their plans. If you would like to be on this team, let Dave Beckwith know at dbeck88@gmail.com**
So we know how many to expect, please sign in at: <http://www.moveon.org/team/members/index.html>

Friday, January 20 - details to be announced
Rally for Move to Amend in Denver.

Saturday, January 21 - details to be announced
SWITCH YOUR MONEY Event.

Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.
Westminster Council CORE Meeting - all are welcome and urged to attend. **So we know how many to expect, please sign in at:** <http://www.moveon.org/team/members/index.html>
Directions and map will show up. **We will continue determining goals for the New Year.**

Monday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.
Westminster Council Meeting for all council members and affiliates. We will focus on building Standing Event Teams

Allies You Might Want to Support

The AMA Patients' Action Network
<http://www.patientsactionnetwork.org/>

The Patients' Action Network will keep you updated on critical health care measures pending in the U.S. Congress, government agencies, your state legislature, and as reported in the media. We'll let you know when bills are heading for a vote, or are in danger of being ignored. And we'll ask you to help ensure lawmakers take appropriate action on these important issues.

This is a Repeat of a REALLY BIG DEAL! Please consider signing it and passing it on.

This link will get you to a petition regarding **Health Care for All Coloradans**. It will be delivered to Governor Hickenlooper. The goal is a minimum of 1000 signatures of Colorado citizens.

If you are a Colorado resident, you may wish to consider adding your name. Just click on the following link: Colorado Health Care health care petition with SignOn.org: http://signon.org/sign/coloradans-need-health-1?source=c.url&r_by=927050

For more information go to: <http://4cohealth.org/> and <http://HealthCareforAllColorado.org/>

Books Recommended by our Members

Review of **Cracking the Code**. Thom Hartmann. paperback. Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc. 978-1-57675-627-D. \$14.95.
Keep \$\$ in our local economy. Buy this book from The Tattered Cover or from The Boulder Bookstore.

The apt subtitle of the book is, "How to Win Hearts, Change Minds, and Restore America's Original Vision." I have just begun to read it, and it has stimulated further significant evolution of my political paradigm and skills as an agent of change. I highly recommend it.

Here is a quotation from page 31 under the section on "Ecology Checks."

In politics, as in nature, the most ecological efforts at enhancing social good cause no harm. That's an example of an ecology check.

The word *ecology* means a system in balance. When you are communicating about a particular topic, ask yourself these questions:

- . Does it serve you and others well?
- . Will it help serve community, democracy, and all life on Earth?
- . Is it sustainable over time in a health balance?

Because conservatives believe that the natural human role is to dominate all of nature and, ultimately, each other (to prevent nature's evil and our evil from emerging), they sometimes will justify using whatever means necessary to bring the undisciplined public into line. Similarly, sometimes liberals have used deceit or raw power to bring about they think are the solutions to greater social ills. These are both examples of a failed ecology check.

I will send on further comments as I continue to read and re-read this truly worthwhile book.

HAVE A REVIEW YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT OR A BOOK YOU'D LIKE TO RECOMMEND? JUST LET US KNOW.

Thanks for all you do!
Co-Coordinator Penni Walsh and Ken Chapin