



# NonPartisan Coalition

- Strengthening Communities Through Advocacy.

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## Honoring Where We've Been and Celebrating Where We're Going

NonPartisan Coalition was organized three years ago in an effort to strengthen communities and advocate for government that serves constituents. Over the past three years we have met a lot of amazing people, learned a lot about resources, and worked to refine our focus.

Our organization's name came from a desire to promote productive, community-centered cooperation between people from all political points of view, which is why we selected Non-Partisan Coalition as our name.

The amazing people who serve their community have shown that when we join together to advocate for our community, cooperation across all political points of view happens naturally. As a result, **our focus is now centered on connecting communities because we are stronger together.**

We would like to honor our growth and our refined purpose by looking for a name that better describes where we are and where we plan to be. Please let us know which of the names below best honors our past and reflects where we are going. (For more about our organization, see page 2.)

## NonPartisan Coalition Renaming: Please Rate These Potential Names

**5= Love it, 4= Very Good, 3= Okay, 2= Not Great, 1= No**

- Cultivating Community Connections (CCC)
- Community Action Advocates (CAA)
- Advocates Bridging Communities (ABC)
- Community Action Programs (CAP)
- Community Coalition Builders (CCB)

## Board of Directors Report

Our growth plan is as follows:

- Expand to two newsletters:
  - 1) Keep the original newsletter format with general interest articles.
  - 2) Our second newsletter, "Connecting Advocates", is designed for community activists, to be more interactive by:
    - Featuring suggestions/advice from community leaders on a variety of topics, i.e. \* how to reorganize and/or restructure community organizations in light of the need to social-distance,
    - \* how to continue to serve our communities,\* how to utilize the relationships community leaders have built to advocate for governmental services,\* how to engage and foster new community leadership.

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## Web Site- Check it Out!

- Thanks to Carol Relitz our web site has undergone a big change! We are truly becoming a place where community members can find resources. Please visit our web site at:

[www.NonPartisanCoalition.net](http://www.NonPartisanCoalition.net)

- Submit articles for our web site or newsletter to:

NonPartisanCoalitionNPC@gmail.com

## Our Leadership Team

Carol Jenkins- founder

Jeff Jenkins- co-founder

Anita Brown- recording secretary

Joseph Jones- vice president

## Introducing "Connecting Advocates"

There are many amazing people who are advocating for their communities. NonPartisan Coalition is launching an additional newsletter specifically designed to connect community advocates to each other.

"Connecting Advocates" will feature:

- Community advocates sharing their own experiences.
- Community advocates sharing best practices.
- Community advocates discussing concerns, asking questions, and connecting to others to find solutions.

Let us know about your successes and your concerns. Email us at [NonPartisanCoalitionNPC@gmail.com](mailto:NonPartisanCoalitionNPC@gmail.com).

## More About NonPartisan Coalition

Who we are:

- We are a cadre of community advocates who are working to strengthen communities by:
  - \* Connecting to resources in Prince George's and Montgomery County.
  - \* Sharing best practices for strengthening communities.
  - \* Providing opportunities for communities to communicate about common issues and work together to find solutions.
  - \* Advocating for County and State governmental services that support communities' constituents.

What we provide:

- A web site with many links to County and State resources.
- A monthly newsletter with community-strengthening ideas and best practices.
- An opportunity to safely and securely connect with other community advocates.
- Many customizable programs and materials for community boards and community groups.

We will NOT:

- Collect or solicit money.
- Share personal email or any other information without prior approval. (Continued on page 3)

- We will never charge for our services.
- We do not pay our staff- we are an all-volunteer organization.

We are inviting proven community advocates to become part of our network by:

- Signing up to receive monthly newsletters.
- Sharing thoughts, ideas, concerns, and suggestions.
- Connecting with other community advocates to strengthen **all** communities.

## **We Want to Hear From You**

We'd love to hear how you are adapting to meet the health and safety needs of your community.

- How have your meeting formats changed?
- How are you meeting the needs of community members?
- How has your organization been affected by current health and economic concerns?

What questions would you like to pose to other communities? We would be happy to seek out advice, suggestions, and solutions.

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**Please read our new “Connecting Advocates” newsletter.**