



# FOURTEENTH ANNUAL *leaders* CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20TH

**1:30–3:30 PM**      **NEWDEAL LEADER ACTIVITY**

**5:30–7:00 PM**      **WELCOME RECEPTION**  
*Featuring NewDEAL Leader and Delaware Governor-elect Matt Meyer*

THURSDAY, NOV. 21ST

**8:00–9:00 AM**      **BREAKFAST OPENS**

**9:00 AM–12:00 PM**      **WHAT HAPPENED IN THE 2024 ELECTION AND WHERE WE GO FROM HERE**

➤ **WELCOME REMARKS**

*From NewDEAL CEO Debbie Cox Bultan*

➤ **WHAT VOTERS SAID: POST-ELECTION POLL**

*From Lanae Erickson, Third Way*

➤ **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: LEARNING FROM THE 2024 ELECTION**

*Moderated by Lauren Harper Pope, Welcome Party, and featuring NewDEAL Leaders Scranton, PA, Mayor Paige Gebhardt Cognetti and GA Rep. and House Democrat Chair Tanya Miller; and Matt Yglesias, Slow Boring*

➤ **DEMOCRACY: LESSONS FOR PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING OUR ELECTIONS & INSTITUTIONS**

*Moderated by Matt Cohen, Democracy Docket, and featuring NewDEAL Leader Secretary of State Adrian Fontes; Ben Davis, Civic (Re)Solve; and Barbara Smith Warner, National Vote at Home Institute*

**12:00–12:30 PM**      **FIRESIDE CHAT WITH U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG**

*Moderated by Symone Sanders-Townsend, co-host of the Weekend on MSNBC*

**12:30–1:30 PM**      **LUNCH**

**1:45–2:45 PM**      **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

➤ **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: POLICY LANDSCAPE AND EARLY ADOPTION**

*Co-led by NewDEAL Leaders and NewDEAL Forum AI Task Force Co-Chairs NY Assemblymember Alex Bores and Albany, NY, Chief City Auditor Dorcey Applies; Austin Carson, SeedAI; and Luke McGowan, Bloomberg Philanthropies*

➤ **EDUCATION: UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING LINGERING LEARNING LOSS**

*Co-led by NewDEAL Leader Orleans Parish, LA, School Board Member, and CEO and Co-Founder of School Board Partners Ethan Ashley; Chad Aldeman, Read Not Guess; Kris Amundson, KJA Strategies; and Sarah Mehrotra, U.S. Department of Education;*

➤ **PERMITTING REFORM: STREAMLINING HOUSING AND CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS**

*Co-led by NewDEAL Leaders Phoenix, AZ, City Councilmember Kesha Hodge Washington and MI House Minority Leader Ranjeev Puri; and Gary Winslett, Chamber of Progress*



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## 3:00–4:30 PM **MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK BETTER**

### ➤ **INTRODUCING THE CHAMPION CIRCLE**

*With remarks from NewDEAL Leader Norfolk, VA, City Councilmember Andria McClellan*

### ➤ **REMARKS FROM U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DEREK KILMER (WA-06)**

### ➤ **GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT: STRENGTHENING GOOD GOVERNANCE**

*Featuring NewDEAL Alum Jim Townsend and Ben Eikey, Levin Center for Legislative Oversight and Democracy*

### ➤ **REMARKS FROM JENNIFER PAHLKA, FORMER U.S. DEPUTY CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER AND AUTHOR OF RECODING AMERICA**

## 6:30–9:00 PM

### **VIP DINNER**

*By invitation only*

## FRIDAY, NOV. 22ND

## 8:00–9:00 AM

### **BREAKFAST OPENS**

## 9:00–11:00 AM

### **2025 POLICY PRIORITIES: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

#### ➤ **BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE ECONOMY**

*Moderated by Rhett Buttle, Public Private Strategies, and featuring NewDEAL Leader St. Louis, MO, Mayor Tishaura Jones; Angie Cooper, Heartland Forward; and John Lettieri, Economic Innovation Group*

#### ➤ **ADVANCING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS**

*Moderated by NewDEAL Alum & Former Burlington, VT, Mayor Miro Weinberger, and featuring NewDEAL Leader Salt Lake City, UT, Mayor Erin Mendenhall; Laura V. Arce, UnidosUS; and Sara Bronin, National Zoning Atlas*

## 11:15 AM–12:15 PM

### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

#### ➤ **MENTAL HEALTHCARE: EXPANDING ACCESS AND IMPACT**

*Co-led by NewDEAL Leaders CO Representative Meghan Lukens and IA Representative Megan Srinivas, and Bill Smith, Inseparable*

#### ➤ **MODERNIZING THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET: BENEFITS FOR TODAY'S WORKFORCE**

*Co-led by NewDEAL Leaders CT Senator James Maroney and GA Senator Elena Parent, and Curran McSwigan, Third Way*

#### ➤ **HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE: CHALLENGES AMID EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS**

*Co-led by NewDEAL Leaders Santa Barbara, CA, County Supervisor Laura Capps and FL Representative Christine Hunschofsky, and Lilith Fellowes-Granda, Center for American Progress*

## 12:30–1:30 PM

### **LUNCH & CLOSING PLENARY**