



**Local Progress 2016 National Convening  
Pittsburgh, PA**

**Pre-Conference Activities - Thursday, July 7**

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9:00 to 5:00	Training with Wellstone Action: Governing as a Progressive	Butler
9:00 to 5:00	School Board: Full day of programming for School Board Members	Fayette
1:00 to 5:00	Meeting of the Local Progress Board of Directors	Exec Board Room
6:00 to 8:00	Women's Caucus Inaugural Gathering	Washington

**Friday, July 8**

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8:00 to 9:00	Breakfast and Registration	PA Ballroom
9:00 to 11:00	Welcome & Opening Our Role in this Political Moment: How local officials can fight back against hate, xenophobia and Islamophobia	PA Ballroom
11:15 to 12:45	Breakout Discussion Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budgeting as a Progressive: Process &amp; practice that reflects our cities' needs</li> <li>• Immigrant Rights in the Age of Black Lives Matter</li> <li>• Beyond Community Benefits Agreements: Building a permanent coalition for equity in our cities (a case study of Pittsburgh)</li> <li>• What's Next in the Fight for Good Jobs: Fair Scheduling</li> </ul>	Armstrong Lawrence Fayette  Butler
1:15 to 3:30	Lunch Welcome Address by <b>Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto</b> Inside-Outside Strategy Workshop: Case Studies in Collaborative Campaigning . . . and the annual Local Progress group picture!	PA Ballroom
4:00 to 5:30	Breakout Discussion Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Session on Affordable Housing</li> <li>• Creating an Office of Racial Equity: The "Why and How"</li> <li>• Communications Training by our allies at <i>The Opportunity Agenda</i></li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>Or</b></p> <p>Take action in the streets of Pittsburgh with thousands of community activists gathered for the CPD People's Convention</p>	Fayette Butler Armstrong
6:00 to 8:00	Cocktail Reception hosted by Amalgamated Bank	

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## Saturday, July 9

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8:00 to 9:00	Breakfast	PA Ballroom
9:00 to 10:00	Ratifying the 2016 Local Progress National Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featuring <b>Member of Congress Keith Ellison (MN)</b></li> </ul>	PA Ballroom
10:30 to 11:30	Join the People’s Convention: Stand in solidarity with community leaders from across the country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featuring <b>Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II</b> President of the North Carolina NAACP and founder of the Moral Mondays movement</li> </ul>	Pittsburgh Convention Center
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3:15 to 3:45	Report Backs & Conference Evaluation	PA Ballroom
4:00 to 5:30	Breakout Discussion Sessions on Building Power and Movement Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progressive Cities in the South: Working at the frontier of our movement</li> <li>• Putting the Local in Local Progress: Chapters, caucuses and organizing in our communities</li> <li>• What Happens Next?: A breakout session for LP Alumni</li> <li>• Building Progressive Pipelines: Bringing those on the outside in</li> </ul>	Lawrence Butler  Armstrong Fayette
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**Local Progress 2016 National Convening  
Pre-Conference Activities & Trainings  
Thursday, July 7**

9:00 to 5:00

**Governing as a Progressive**

*This day-long interactive training created in collaboration with **Wellstone Action** will focus on how to govern as a progressive elected official. Participants will discuss and workshop how to deal with governing tensions while being a values-based progressive elected official, how to map and understand power in their communities, how to build partnerships in government to govern effectively, and how to build and maintain relationships with activists and advocates outside of elected office.*

**Butler**

9:00 to 5:00

**School Board Cohort Training**

*This year, we will be partnering again with the **National Education Association (NEA)** to host our second school board cohort training. This year we will focus on supporting school board members in developing plans around the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act, providing information for participants on key school improvement strategies, and providing the opportunity to learn and strategize with colleagues on key challenges facing districts today.*

**Fayette**

1:00 to 5:00

**Local Progress Board Meeting**

*Members of the Local Progress Board of Directors will be holding their annual meeting.*

**Exec Board  
Room**

6:00 to 8:00

**Women's Caucus Inaugural Gathering: Progressive Women Creating Local Change**

*An inaugural initiative of Local Progress. As we all know too well, women, and particularly women of color, are underrepresented in elected office and government. Because local elected office is where our careers in politics and government so often start, this year we are considering launching a Women's Caucus of Local Progress.*

**Washington**

*Join us for a reception where women members of Local Progress will gather to network with each other and partner organizations, hear about shared issues, and discuss solutions that come from the leadership of women. We will hear from allied groups, experts, and leading Local Progress members. Members will have the opportunity to share issues they would like to address and resources they would like to receive to support their work as progressive women in local elected office.*

*The event will be hosted by Local Progress Board Members **Councilmember LaToya Cantrell** (New Orleans, LA) and **Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells** (Culver City, CA).*

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# Local Progress 2016 National Convening Full Agenda

Friday, July 8

8:00 to 9:00	<b><u>Breakfast</u></b>	PA Ballroom
9:00 to 9:30	<b><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></b>	
9:30 to 10:45	<b><u>Our Role in this Political Moment: How local officials can fight back against hate, xenophobia and Islamophobia:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Francena Amparo</b>, Dutchess County Legislature, NY (tentative)</li><li>• <b>LaToya Cantrell</b>, New Orleans City Council, LA</li><li>• <b>Aaron Ridings</b>, Center for American Progress</li><li>• <b>Linda Sarsour</b>, Arab American Association of New York</li><li>• <b>Amardeep Singh</b>, Open Society Foundation (moderator)</li></ul> <p><i>The 2016 election season has featured xenophobic and racist rhetoric and the promotion of bigoted, nationalistic public policies that strike directly at the core values of an open society: pluralism, freedom, and equality under law. Donald Trump and his allies have targeted a broad swath of “others”: he has proposed banning all foreign Muslims from entering the country and deporting 11 million immigrants (with a special fear and hatred of “Mexicans”). Simultaneously, conservatives have made a last-ditch effort to prevent LGBT equality by banning transgender people from having access to public bathrooms. And, like in previous elections, conservatives have used thinly-veiled language to demonize African Americans and promote white racial grievances.</i></p> <p><i>What does this xenophobic agenda mean for American politics? How is it affecting policymaking and discourse at the local level? And what can progressive elected officials do to counter the rhetoric of hate with our vision of justice and equity through local governance? This plenary session will grapple with the dangerous rise of nationalist identity politics, describe the connections between its different elements, and lay out a roadmap for how Local Progress members can fight back.</i></p>	
10:45 to 11:00	<b><u>Reflections on this Political Moment by Gara LaMarche of the Democracy Alliance</u></b>	
11:15 to 12:45	<b><u>Join one of four breakout sessions</u></b> <b><u>Budgeting as a Progressive: Process &amp; practice that reflect our cities’ needs</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Alderman Scott Waguespack</b> (Chicago, IL)</li><li>• <b>Shari Davis</b>, Participatory Budgeting Project</li><li>• <b>Nick Licata</b>, Former City Councilmember Seattle WA</li><li>• <b>Marbre Stahly-Butts</b>, Center for Popular Democracy (Moderator)</li></ul> <p><i>This session will support elected officials in thinking through tangible ways to use the budget as a tool of progressive change: it will provide attendees a chance to think through important budgetary questions and discuss how to raise revenue and how to afford investments that reflect our values and serve our communities. The panel will include discussions and breakout groups about: how to raise progressive revenue streams and ensure transparency in the budget process, how to enact participatory budgeting, how to make budgetary decisions guided by a commitment to racial equity, and how to effectively</i></p>	Armstrong

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*re-allocate money from ineffective and inhumane criminal justice spending towards more effective long-term safety strategies.*

**Immigrant Rights in the Age of Black Lives Matter**

**Lawrence**

- **Councilmember Helen Gym** (Philadelphia, PA)
- **Councilmember Carlos Ramirez-Rosa** (Chicago, IL)
- **Linda Sarsour**, Arab American Association of New York
- **Emily Tucker**, Center for Popular Democracy

*This session will explore the implications for the immigrant rights movement of the growing activism against the criminalization of communities of color. Speakers will share experiences from their local contexts and examples of law and policy reform to mitigate the impact of our racist and overly punitive criminal justice system on non-citizens.*

**Beyond Community Benefits Agreements: Building a permanent coalition for equity in our cities (a case study of Pittsburgh)**

**Fayette**

- **Councilmember Daniel Lavelle** (Pittsburgh, PA)
- **Bill Bartlett**, Action United
- **Barney Oursler**, Pittsburgh United
- **Councilmember Lisa Bender** (Minneapolis, MN) - moderator

*Across the country, communities and local governments have led efforts to ensure that economic development delivers real community benefits like good jobs for local residents, community stability and housing that people can afford, community amenities like grocery stores and health clinics, and environmental mitigation. However, there are real limits to what can be accomplished by individual development and land-use decisions. In this session we will discuss successful community benefits agreements that have been negotiated in our host city of Pittsburgh and hear from elected officials, advocates, and organizers about how those efforts have bolstered equitable development of the city, both by impacting individual development decisions and advancing citywide policies.*

**What's Next in the Fight for Good Jobs: Fair Scheduling:**

**Butler**

- **Councilmember Lisa Herbold** (Seattle, WA)
- **Councilmember Eric Mar** (San Francisco, CA)
- **Kyle Bragg**, SEIU 32BJ
- **Rachel Deutsch**, Center for Popular Democracy (moderator)

*The number of cities raising the minimum wage is growing rapidly and it is time to look to the next step. Income is the product of wages and hours, so making sure that workers have fair schedules is crucial to guaranteeing good jobs. The session will look at lessons learned from San Francisco, implementation challenges, enforcement, an industry-specific policy approach and more. We will also discuss the importance of inside-outside organizing to building a strong campaign with union and community groups, and the current campaign to win a 30 hour work week for janitors*

1:15 to 2:00

**Lunch**

- Welcoming Remarks from **Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto** & Group Photo

**PA Ballroom**

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2:00 to 3:30

**Workshop: Inside-Outside Strategy: Case Studies in Collaborative Campaigning**

PA Ballroom

- **Supervisor John Avalos** (San Francisco, CA)
- **Councilmember Greg Casar** (Austin, TX)
- **Luchelle Stevens**, Center for Popular Democracy (moderator)

With opening remarks from **Bob Master**, Communication Workers of America

*As progressive elected officials, we know our job is more than just “voting our values” and going home. We use a variety of tactics to reshape political reality in our cities: from the bully pulpit, to constituent empowerment, and policy advocacy.*

*Some of the most powerful work done in our cities, though, has been the result of a less common, and often less comfortable tactic used by local officials: inside-outside campaigning. When an elected official chooses to be an authentic partner with community organizations to execute a policy campaign, we relinquish our traditional roles as political arbiter or even political ally. As “co-conspirators” in a plot to push forward progressive policy, we can make change in our cities that otherwise would not be possible. But doing so successfully is very challenging.*

*In the workshop, we will discuss case studies from different parts of the country where elected officials are on the frontier of rethinking their role. We’ll workshop around what worked, what didn’t, and what we can do in our next campaigns as we craft a national strategy for building inside-outside movements for social justice.*

4:00 to 5:30

**Join one of three breakout sessions**

*Or*

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**Advanced Session on Affordable Housing**

Fayette

- **John Griffith**, Enterprise Community Partners
- **Councilmember Robin Kniech** (Denver, CO)

*In this session we will dig into inclusionary zoning, landlord registries & renter’s rights, and increased revenue sources as ways to create affordability. Topics of homelessness and fair housing will be covered briefly. Participants should come prepared with questions on their own work and be prepared to share best practices with fellow LP members. This will be a work session (not a 101) on creating affordability. Newcomers to the issue are welcome to listen in. For those with experience, this is a time to troubleshoot and gain new insights.*

**Creating an Office of Racial Equity: The “Why and How”**

Butler

- **Councilmember Desley Brooks** (Oakland, CA)
- **Dante James**, Bureau Director, Portland Office of Equity and Human Rights

*This interactive session will provide concrete examples of why you should have an Office of Equity and how such an Office can help reduce racial disparities through the use of equity tools, provide examples of outcomes that can be achieved, and discuss challenges, opportunities, and specific approaches to setting up an office. The session will explain how to apply an equity lens to local policies, practices, and procedures. And it will address the inevitable question of why race needs to be the focus. There will be small and large group discussion, and participants will finish the session by practicing the use of an equity lens.*

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## **Communications Training by our allies at The Opportunity Agenda**

Armstrong

- **Eva Marie-Malone**, The Opportunity Agenda

*Over the past 10 years, The Opportunity Agenda has trained and presented its strategies and techniques to over 10,000 social justice leaders, including those working on local, regional, and national issues both from the grassroots and grasstops perspectives. This training will include guidance on framing and narrative, public opinion and media research, narrative development, and communications for progressive policy advocacy.*

### **Take Action in the Streets of Pittsburgh with Thousands of Community Activists:**

*Forty years of racist, anti-immigrant, and anti-worker policy have come home to roost. Our nation is at a crossroads, choosing between two possible futures — one characterized by xenophobia, hate, and fear and the other defined by opportunity, fairness, and community.*

*Thousands of community activists from Center for Popular Democracy partners across the country will come together to take action to uplift the demands and vision of our movement and to oppose the politics and economics of hate. We will celebrate the leadership of women, immigrants, young people, and people of color, the wins we have secured, and the power we hold to shape the future of our country. We will march and engage in direct action focused on bad actors and, publicly and loudly confront the racists, hatemongers, and moneyed interests who seek advantage on the backs of the rest of us.*

6:00 to 8:00

### **Cocktail Reception hosted by Amalgamated Bank**

## **Saturday, July 9**

8:00 to 9:00

### **Breakfast**

PA Ballroom

9:00 to 10:15

### **2016 Local Progress National Platform Ratification**

- Featuring remarks from **Member of Congress Keith Ellison (MN)**

*As Local Progress members we share a vision of localities that are inclusive, equitable, and just. Local Progress members across the country are advancing innovative policies to promote that reality. But the truth is that we need support from the federal government. The devastation wrought by the water crisis in Flint, MI brought national attention to a reality that is being felt in communities across the country: localities are starved of the resources and support we need to provide crucial services for our residents, especially for low-income families and communities of color. As public servants, we believe in the power of government to improve lives in our communities. Too often, however, federal and state governments are an obstacle, not an aid, to advancing local policies and programs that address these urgent issues.*

*This election year, as we witness hatred and xenophobia being marshalled in support of a reactionary national agenda, we stand together in support of a different vision for making America great: economic inclusion, racial equity, sustainable communities, and justice for all. We believe that the federal government can and must play a central role in supporting localities' efforts to create a more just and equitable society, and will be ratifying a national platform for Local Progress articulating that vision.*

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10:30 to 11:30	<b><u>Join the People's Convention: Stand in solidarity with community leaders from across the country</u></b>	<b>Convention Center</b>
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	<p><i>Across the country, Local Progress members are leading powerful local campaigns to improve the lives of their communities that are having already having national impact. Increasingly we are seeing advances in local progressive policies like paid sick days and the Fight for \$15 driving policy and political change at a national level. This year, Local Progress advanced its first ever federal campaign, calling on federal housing agencies to change their practices of selling distressed mortgages in our communities to hedge funds and for-profit speculators. This session will explore how Local Progress members can execute coordinated campaigns across our cities. What opportunities and challenges exist? What support would be needed? How could coordination benefit our individual campaign efforts?</i></p>	
1:30 to 3:00	<b><u>Four Breakout Sessions on Campaigning Across our Cities</u></b>	
	<b><u>Movement Momentum: Reimagining Policing and Criminal Justice Policy</u></b>	<b>Washington</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Supervisor John Avalos</b> (San Francisco, CA)</li> <li>• <b>Councilmember Ritchie Torres</b> (New York City, NY)</li> <li>• <b>Jose Lopez</b>, Make the Road New York</li> <li>• <b>Wintana Melekin</b>, Neighborhoods Organizing for Change</li> <li>• <b>Marbre Stahly-Butts</b>, Center for Popular Democracy (moderator)</li> </ul>	
	<p><i>This session will focus on how communities and elected officials can work together to develop and implement criminal justice reforms that pave the way for transformational change. Across the country there has been a groundswell of energy in reaction to police brutality, mass incarceration, and the lack of accountability of police officers, prosecutors, and others. Despite this energy, there has been limited reform at the local, state, or federal levels. This session will focus on how community organizations and elected officials can work together to imagine and enact meaningful change.</i></p>	
	<b><u>Proactive, Equitable Climate Policy: Ensuring the Present and Future of Our Communities</u></b>	<b>Lawrence</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Councilmember David Alvarez</b> (San Diego, CA)</li> <li>• <b>Commissioner Daniella Levine-Cava</b> (Miami-Dade, FL)</li> <li>• <b>Kayla Race</b>, Climate Action Network</li> <li>• <b>Julie Nelson</b>, Government Alliance on Race and Equity</li> <li>• <b>Danielle Adams</b>, Local Progress (moderator)</li> </ul>	
	<p><i>Climate change is a reality that many localities across the United States are having to adapt to. There is a fierce urgency of now, especially for communities facing extreme weather events, rising sea levels, drought, soaring temperatures, or brutal winters. These occurrences impact infrastructure, natural resources, energy resources, the economy, and public health. Progressive cities, large and small, are leading the nation on preparedness</i></p>	
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and community resiliency. We will hear from two Local Progress members whose jurisdictions are among those leading the charge to prepare their communities against the impacts of climate change, with an emphasis on equity in their strategy. We will also hear from experts from Climate Action Campaigns and ICLEI USA on practical steps and resources members can take and use to prepare their communities for the future and the now.

### **Coordinating our response to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule**

Fayette

- **Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin** (Richmond, CA)
- **Debby Goldberg**, National Fair Housing Alliance
- **Sasha Hauswald**, Grounded Solutions
- **Maurice Weeks**, Center for Popular Democracy (moderator)

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development passed the new Affordable Fair Housing Rule, a significant accomplishment and one with major implications for localities across the country. Join us for a conversation with leading policy experts where we will discuss key provisions of the rule; we will focus on how local elected officials, alongside community members and organizations, can use and organize around this new rule to protect housing and tenant rights for homeowners and renters.

### **Tools for Equity in the “On-Demand” Economy**

Butler

- **Councilmember Delia Garza** (Austin, TX)
- **Councilmember Brad Lander** (New York City, NY)
- **Lenore Friedlaender**, SEIU 32BJ
- **Nikki Fortunato Bas**, Partnership for Working Families
- **Tefere Gebre**, AFL-CIO
- **Derecka Mehrens**, Working Partnerships USA
- **David Rolf**, SEIU 775
- **Tony Perlstein**, Center for Popular Democracy (moderator)

In some sectors of our economy, “on-demand” digital platforms may fundamentally change the ways people work and seek services, offering both convenience and flexibility through technology. Unfortunately, the rapid and unregulated growth of on-demand companies has resulted in more and more workers lacking critical legal protections. Cities are now challenged to implement innovative policy tools to regulate the increasing number of on-demand companies and workers. This session will bring together progressive local elected officials and organizers who have worked to address the on-demand economy’s impact and unregulated growth to share best practices and test the idea of coordinated trans-local strategies for equity in the on-demand economy.

3:15 to 3:45

### **Report Backs & Conference Evaluation**

PA Ballroom

4:00 to 5:30

### **Four Breakout Sessions on Building Power and Movement Infrastructure**

#### **The Changing South: The Impacts of State Preemption and Demographic Change on Local Governance**

Lawrence

- **Councilmember LaToya Cantrell** (New Orleans, LA)
- **Councilmember Philip Kingston** (Dallas, TX)
- **Tefere Gebre**, AFL-CIO
- **Allie Yee**, Institute for Southern Studies

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*Southern cities are increasingly being seen as bastions of progressive policies within the reality that many Southern states are still majority very rural and very conservative.*

*In this session we will first see a presentation by the Institute for Southern Studies that will give an overview of the dynamic growth and demographic change happening all across the region and discuss how these changes impact the political climate across the region and about the state of State preemption in the South. The session will end with a group discussion around strategy and tactics among Southern Local Progress members.*

**Putting the Local in Local Progress: Chapters, caucuses and organizing in our communities**

**Butler**

- **Alderman John Arena** (Chicago, IL)
- **Councilmember Dorcey Applyrs** (Albany, NY)
- **Councilmember Julissa Ferreras** (New York, NY)
- **Councilmember De'Sean Quinn** (Tukwila, WA)
- **Councilmember Helen Gym** (Philadelphia, PA) moderator

*How can we bring Local Progress back to our colleagues in our local city councils? How can we organize regionally and in our states? In this session will hear from elected officials working to establish Progressive Caucuses and Local Progress State Chapters. We will focus on how local efforts to organize progressive elected officials have changed local political dynamics, victories and challenges of these efforts, and how these efforts have been structured and supported.*

**What Happens Next?: A breakout session for Local Progress Alumni**

**Armstrong**

- **Nick Licata**, Local Progress founding member & former board chair

*This session brings together past office holders, or those soon to leave, to discuss and possibly create a Local Progress Alumni Association. The participants at the meeting will decide if there are ways that such an association could assist Local Progress's efforts. Many alumni may remain politically active or wish to be active in their communities. An alumni association could keep them in touch with each other as they assist current office holders on how to best utilize the national Local Progress network to pass progressive legislation and initiate new programs. The meeting will encourage each participant to share their vision of such an association and how they would like to participate in it, should the group decide to create one.*

**Building Progressive Pipelines: Bringing those from the Outside – In**

Fayette

- **Alderwoman Megan Green** (St. Louis, MO)
- **Charly Carter**, Maryland Working Families
- **Karundi Williams**, SEIU
- **Emma Greenman**, Center for Popular Democracy (moderator)

*Come discuss how we as local progressive officials can grow the number of progressive champions in government and politics to help advance the progressive agenda. As we further explore the idea of “Inside-Outside” campaigning as effective strategy to move forward a progressive agenda in our cities, this session will tackle the idea of how to recruit and bring progressive allies from non-traditional pathways into government and politics. Local progress members and progressive allies will discuss why creating a progressive candidate pipeline is a successful governing strategy and discuss case studies in Maryland and St. Louis on successful strategies to build progressive leadership development pipelines. The session will end with small group discussions about strategy and tactics to build out strategies for leadership development in your community.*

5:30 PM

**Closing Reception & Option to join the People’s Convention Block Party**