



# The Service Politics Institute

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## Inclusivity Statement

The Service Politics Institute operates under the non-profit umbrella of the Center for Progressive Leadership. CPL is a national non-profit, nonpartisan political leadership training institute. As a 501(c)(3) educational organization, there are limits on how we can spend our funds, including prohibitions on certain kinds of political activity. Directly partisan activity puts us at risk of losing our tax-exempt status. It also does a disservice to our participants, who are expecting, and committed to, a nonpartisan learning environment. The core of our mission is to engage young people in the political process by tapping into their passions for community service. Our interest in engaging all young people to tackle our communities' most pressing issues, demands that we create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment around our projects.

While we recognize that many of our participants have strong political opinions and backgrounds and may even be involved in current issue or candidate based campaigns, all official SPI partners, including policy-makers, non-profit organizations, board members and staff, will refrain from soliciting support or making explicitly partisan statements while participating in SPI work and projects. Our agenda with regard to politics is simply that more people get involved in the political process through education, service and advocacy participation and informed discussion. Maintaining a non-partisan environment is not only one of our core values, but essential to our work carrying out our mission.

While politicians currently holding or seeking elected office may choose to participate in service projects and advocacy events, their participation in no way represents an endorsement by SPI of the candidate or any of the candidate's positions. SPI makes every effort to solicit policy-makers from every possible side of the aisle, and will ensure that advocacy issues presented at service projects are not strictly partisan or ethically divisive. For more information about advocacy and our non-partisanship approach to service, please reference our events section.