INTRODUCING
THE 2023
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Change is coming. Maryland will have a new Governor in 2023. A network of organizations with shared values can ensure community voices shape state government priorities for the next four years, making sure that Maryland's next gubernatorial administration pursues policies that address critical issues from public health and climate change to criminal justice reform, worker protections, education, and transportation. As a first step, we're using a survey to begin to collect information on the issues that are important to your organization and the communities you work with.

We have an opportunity in 2023 to partner with a new Governor and build an administration founded on policies and principles that serve all Marylanders, no matter where we live or what we look like. A new Governor needs the wisdom, expertise, and historical knowledge of advocates, policy experts and community leaders to inform how they approach key issues, as well as the involvement of the communities themselves who are impacted by these issues.

In order to achieve these goals, the 2023 Project seeks to:

1. Develop a collaborative network that will leverage grassroots power, promote community-informed policy-making, and elevate community leaders.
2. Bring groups together with forward-thinking leadership that will collaboratively focus on the big ideas for the next four-year term and develop measurable goals. This message will be more powerful than a piecemeal approach coming separately from various advocacy organizations.
3. Call for transparency and accountability of the Governor-elect's transition team and administration.

By influencing the transition process ahead of time, community voices can lay the groundwork for an impactful four years, where transformative change delivers results for all Marylanders.

KEY DELIVERABLES

A Community-Informed Agenda: The 2023 Project will create a collaborative infrastructure to share information, strategize, gather feedback from organizations and community members, build collective power and inform the 2023 agenda. We will reach out to stakeholders and community organizations across the state.

Transition Policy Guides: With these partners, we will develop policy resources for the incoming Governor and transition team and for the General Assembly that address a cross section of issues with recommendations for making progress over four years. Guides will include information like problem definition, key considerations and expert perspectives, community insights, solutions, core responsibilities, polling and messaging research, and specific and measurable goals.

Transition People Guide: We will provide the incoming administration with a list of recommended people who should be tapped for the transition team, which will inform the administration's approach to key issues, and considered for administration positions.

Accountability Tracker: We will establish a user-friendly, online tracker for the public and the media to follow the new administration's progress on its commitments.

Model for Other States: The 2023 Project will reflect with our partners on the successes and challenges of this project to develop a model for other states of how to implement a similar transition program of their own.

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