

BROOKINGS

The Campaign Finance Crisis in America and How to Fix It: A Solutions Summit

Thursday, January 21, 2016, Lunch 12:00 pm, Panels 12:30 pm, Reception 5:15 pm

The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC

12:00-12:30pm Registration and Lunch

12:30-1:30pm Lunch Remarks

- Welcome: **Norman L. Eisen**, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic (2011-2014); Special Assistant and Special Counsel to the President (2009-2011); Visiting Fellow, The Brookings Institution
- Introduction: **Trevor Potter**, Commissioner, Federal Election Commission (1991-1995; Chairman, 1994)
- Keynote Remarks: **Ann Ravel**, Commissioner, Federal Election Commission (Chairwoman, 2015)
- Interveners:
 - **Peter Schweitzer**, President, Government Accountability Institute
 - **John Pudner**, Executive Director, Take Back Our Republic
 - **Mike Petro**, Executive Vice President, Committee on Economic Development

1:30-1:45pm Break

1:45-2:45pm Panel 1: A Crisis of Democracy

- Moderator: **Tim Roemer**, Ambassador to India (2009-2011); Member, U.S. House of Representatives (D-Ind., 1991-2003); member 9/11 Commission; Senior Strategic Advisor to Issue One
- Panelists:
 - **Tim Wirth**, Member, U.S. Senate (D-Colo., 1987-1993); Member, U.S. House of Representatives (D-Colo., 1975-1987)
 - **Connie Morella**, Ambassador to OECD (2003-2007); Member, U.S. House of Representatives (R-Md., 1987-2003)
 - **Steve Israel**, Member, U.S. House of Representatives (D-NY.)
- Interveners
 - **Jeff Peck**, Principal, Peck Madigan Jones; Lobbyist
 - **Chuck Merin**, Executive Vice President, Prime Policy Group; Lobbyist

2:45-3:00pm Break

3:00-4:15pm Panel 2: A Problem We Can Fix

- Moderator: **Norman L. Eisen**, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic (2011-2014); Special Assistant and Special Counsel to the President (2009-2011); Visiting Fellow, The Brookings Institution
- Panelists:
 - **Fred Wertheimer**, Founder and President, Democracy 21
 - **John Bonifaz**, Co-Founder and President, Free Speech for People
 - **Dan Wolf**, Chair, Committee on Steering and Policy, Massachusetts State Senate (D)
 - **Roger Katz**, Chair, Government Oversight Committee, Maine State Senate (R)
 - **Justice Allen Loughry**, Justice, Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia
 - **Justice Cheri Beasley**, Associate Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court
- Interveners
 - **Bruce Freed**, Founder and President, Center for Political Accountability
 - **Lucas Welch**, Executive Director, The Pluribus Project
 - **Dan Berger**, Partner, Berger & Montague, P.C.

4:15-4:30pm Break

4:30-5:15pm Panel 3: The Time Is Now

- Moderator: **Nick Penniman**, Executive Director, Issue One
- Panelists:
 - **John Sarbanes**, Member, U.S. House of Representatives (D-Md.)
 - **Claudine Schneider**, Member, U.S. Senate (R-R.I., 1981-1991)
 - **Zephyr Teachout**, CEO, Mayday PAC
- Interveners
 - **Tim Roemer**, Ambassador to India (2009-2011); Member, U.S. House of Representatives (D-Ind., 1991-2003); member 9/11 Commission; member 9/11 Commission; Senior Strategic Advisor to Issue One

5:15-6:00pm Reception