



## PSOs for Housing Justice

November 21, 2024 | 1:00pm – 2:15pm ET

**Attending:** Michael Durham, Adrienne Wells, Robin Mockenhaupt, Lauren Bennett, Elisa Harrigan, Cema Siegel, Sarah Frankfurth, Arpita Jindani

**Guests:** NA

**Regrets:** Kyle Malone, Katy Pelissier, Yark Beyan

### Agenda

- Welcome | Grounding | Introductions
- Announcements | Plugs | Logistics
- Discussion: Grieving and Responding to the Moment
- Closing
  - Next meeting: proposal to reschedule to Jan 23

### Notes

Michael initiated the meeting with introductions, each sharing what's motivating them in the moment. We plugged upcoming meetings that may be germane to this group.

Turning to discussion, Elisa and Lauren recapped the November 15th policy webinar jointly hosted by FTEH and FHO. As Lauren summarized, our guest speaker Lynn Ross provided an in-depth look at considerations for philanthropy in the near term and the long. She outlined ways we can continue and accelerate federal advocacy without engaging with the Trump Administration directly. She also encouraged us toward state and local work while ensuring authentic partnership with local advocacy organizations. We should not be prioritizing more research - we have what we need to focus on advocacy and mobilization. She also urged us toward collaboration, attending each other's events and connecting dots across movements. We all have a role to play! Even if we weren't prepared for the election results, many grantee organizations were and we need to follow their lead. The time to process is necessary but a luxury somewhat unique to philanthropy.

Lauren previewed the next policy call to take place December 16; it will include opportunities for attendees to choose breakout groups for strategizing on certain tactics, such as state and local organizing. PSO colleagues are invited to come, participate, and plug their own related events there. Registration will be announced soon.

Elisa invited others to share what they're learning from similar gatherings with funders. Arpita shared that the GIH health policy exchange took place shortly after the election, which was heavy. GIH is considering engaging with legislative monitoring services by hiring a policy/comms firm to keep track of developing legislation. The Virginia Funders Network is going to do that on the state level. Other themes from the health policy exchange included

narrative change, DEI defense, power-building, and reproductive justice. Sarah shared that Northern California Grantmakers held an in-person member gathering this week for election analysis. She learned that some members are standing up rapid-response funds and are especially mindful that the Trump administration will target California and its large immigrant population. They're also tracking [HR9495](#), the bill that would broaden the IRS' ability to remove 501c3 status from nonprofits it targets. It passed the House yesterday, though the Senate is unlikely to take it up until after the inauguration.

Cema shared that Economic Opportunity Funders is assessing whether their members will be increasing funding for rapid response or just shifting money from other portfolios and exploring pooled funding strategies. There will be too much for all of us to track, so we have to divvy up the labor.

Lauren wondered whether we should plan an in-person gathering hosted by this group along with our respective members to strategize more efficiently across issue areas. As we consider those logistics, it might also or instead be helpful to plan something in conjunction with the United Philanthropy Forum events next year or the [Unity Summit hosted by Change Philanthropy](#) in October. At the very least, it was mentioned, we can find more ways for national PSOs to mobilize their members in partnership with regional PSOs in their local service areas. It was emphasized that we need to stay in closer communication even as we protect our capacity over the coming months and years. Participants are welcome to make thoughtful but active use of the email thread for this group.

Lauren mentioned that the National Coalition for Housing Justice developed a "threat matrix" from Project 2025 that isolates housing-related dangers in the plan. Lauren may find a way to share that with this group.

Due to competing meetings, we adjourned early with well wishes for the holidays.