Western States Center is exploring ways to more directly support local leaders and groups in Idaho to counter political violence, white nationalist and anti-democratic threats through a new pilot partnership with SPLC. You can guess that I was an enthusiastic advocate for engaging with Idaho leaders and providing more tools, research and strategy support!

We're in the early stages of mapping the opportunities and we wanted to start with some priority stakeholder calls with our closest partners to hear your interests, cautions, needs and input to inform our next steps.

We'd love to schedule a 30-minute call to update you on the project with SPLC and get your take on a few questions. I know it's the leg. session and there are plenty of demands on your time, so hopefully it's an easy no-prep call to share your insights and expertise.

I'm copying my colleague Ethan, who's leading these stakeholder interviews, to follow-up directly and you know that I sang your praises and probably over briefed him on the local movement landscape. I'm hopeful I can join your call but I won't let my schedule get in the way of you connecting with Ethan.

Thanks for your openness to a call and your longtime friendship to WSC!

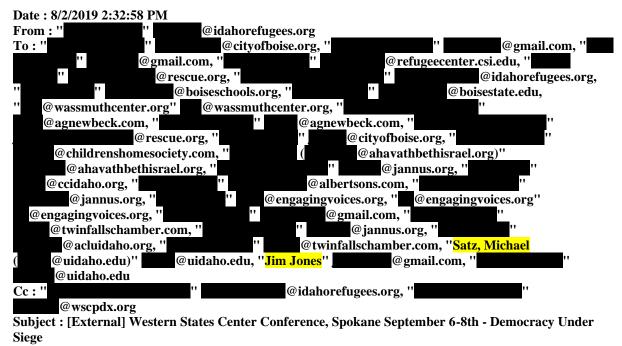
Warmly,

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Dear Friends.

We thought you might be interested in this upcoming Western States Center Training (WSC) in Spokane, WA https://www.westernstatescenter.org/amp2019, September 6-8th. This year's theme is *Democracy Under Siege* and program content will focus on sharing cutting edge tools and case studies from our region for effective strategies to counter white nationalism and defend inclusive democracy

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Due to the recent events in Idaho and anti-refugee and anti-Muslim noise we are hearing we are working on creating a Neighbors United rapid response team. We are thinking the WSC training could be a good place to learn and work on a framework to respond to incidents of hate in Idaho. Let us know if you or anyone from your team decides to join, so we can set aside time to connect while we are there? Christiana and I are planning to attend from IOR. Warm Regards,

Idaho Office for Refugees Phone 208-955-6527 Cell

www.idahorefugees.org www.globaltalent.org www.globalgardensboise.org (It should be noted at the end of this email there is an email from Mayor McLean to 4 recipients, this was provided in the request for records but was redacted as it is here)

On Dec 6, 2021, at 4:45 PM, @wscpdx.org wrote:

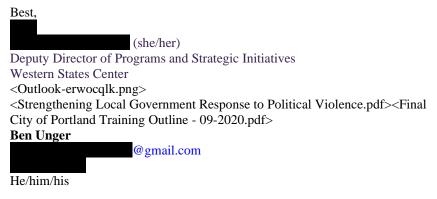
Hi

It was a pleasure to connect with you and the Mayor before the recent holiday break and thank you again for making time to chat. We look forward to staying in touch and finding ways to be helpful. My colleague Ben Unger (copied here) and I will be in Boise on December 16 and 17 and we'd love to meet if you're available, and Ben is glad to follow-up with you directly to share more about the other statewide effort we discussed. His mobile is: (

In the meantime, I'm including several links/resources below that I mentioned on the call: • Our new tool, Strengthening Local Government Response to Political Violence: Recommendations for Local and Regional Leaders, is attached for your reference. It's based on our work in Oregon, but we're launching a national version with more regional examples in early January that I'll be sure to send you.

- An example of our training outline for a two-part series we presented to the Portland Mayor, Commissioners and Bureau Chiefs is also attached.
- Here are few examples of our past statements and campaigns:
- o Joint sign-on letter from Oregon elected and community leaders against bigotry and election related violence;
- Framing from our executive director Eric Ward on the impact of political violence and extremism on cities and our democracy; and
- An example of engaging the business sector as an ally on these issues.
- Finally, here's the most recent issue of our Democracy Alert, a biweekly research round-up of anti-democracy threats in our region and across the country. You can subscribe from our homepage if you like

Thanks again and I hope schedules align to connect when we're in town next week.





Subject: Western States Center

From: Ben Unger < @gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 5:14 PM To:

@wscpdx.org> @cityofboise.org> Cc:

Subject: [External] Re: Western States Center follow-up . . .

Just bumping this to see if you'd have time to meet up when we're in Boise next week. It's looking like Friday morning is our best time for meetings. If you're around and free that morning before 11a I think we can be pretty

Let us know! Would love to get a chance to connect if it works, or we'll do it next time if this next week is crazy. Ben

Date: 12/13/2021 8:42:38 AM From : " @cityofboise.org To: "Ben Unger" @wscpdx.org @gmail.com, '' Subject: RE: [External] Re: Western States Center follow-up... Attachment: image002.jpg; Thanks for following up! Would 9:00 for 30 minutes work at City Hall? I would also like to include our director of community relationships. Thanks Chief of Staff Office of the Mayor Office: (208) @cityofboise.org cityofboise.org Creating a city for everyone.

From: (Ben Unger) @gmail.com To: "Lauren McLean" < @cityofboise.org> Date: 12/14/2021 3:06:19 PM Subject: [External] Accepted: Western States Center @ Fri Dec 17, 2021 11am - 11:30am (EST) (Lauren McLean) Attachments: invite.ics @gmail.com has accepted this invitation. **Western States Center** When Fri Dec 17, 2021 11am – 11:30am Eastern Time - New York Where Mayor's Office, 3rd floor City Hall (map) Calendar Lauren McLean Who • Lauren McLean - organizer @gmail.com - creator