

PowerUP! MANIFESTO

1. We believe in reinventing the spirit of representative democracy through collective engagement, civic education, and cooperative enterprise.
2. We challenge the ubiquitous ways in which bigotries and hate have been codified, normalized into invisibility.
3. We believe in making space for those interested in putting their passion for Community into action that invests in and celebrates our interconnectedness.
4. We affirm the necessity in speaking truth to power.
5. We intentionally build upon our strengths, histories, and differences to understand how to work with, for, and next to each other to reinvent our Community.
6. We believe in unencumbered access into the core democratic processes, decision making, and to our elected/appointed officials.
7. We affirm the necessity of setting new norms of equity, accountability, transparency and sustainability in order to establish role models of acceptance, inclusion and innovation.
8. We expect our Community, and its representatives, to implement solution oriented plans that address community needs through an intersectional lens.
9. We believe elected and appointed officials are to represent the will of the People, pursue diverse perspectives, adhere to procedural standards and implement oversight mechanisms.
10. We affirm that informed, engaged Community Members are vital to sustaining a representative democracy.