



Building to Be the Change

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First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd, Englewood CO

Program Description:

11:30am - Registration

12:05pm - Welcome

12:30pm - Dying for Healthcare (Healthcare Reform)

The latest research estimates that over 44,000 Americans die each year due to lack of health insurance in the richest country in the world. This issue is not limited to those in poverty but also affects the middle class. This session will focus on how this outcome has occurred, and how we can change the direction we are headed in the United States.

Presented by Dr. Irene Aguilar, President, Healthcare for All Colorado

1:30pm - Earth in Crisis (Climate Change)

Representatives from local and national organizations will be sharing current state and national legislation addressing climate change. They will highlight the valuable pieces in this legislation and how citizens can take action to reduce greenhouse gases and promote a green economy.

Panelists: Gavin Clark, Citizen Outreach Director, Environment Colorado; Caitlin Balch-Burnett, Defenders of Wildlife; Charlie Montgomery, Colorado Environmental Coalition; Micah Parkin, 1Sky

2:30pm - One Multinational, One Vote? (Does the Bill of Rights apply to Corporations?)

Author, scientist, and story-teller Riki Ott, PhD, offers thought-provoking remedies for the climate crisis, the economic crisis, and the democracy crisis by building sustainable communities and separating corporation and state. Riki believes it's time to change the rules - to make human rights and community values count more than corporate interests and profits.

Introduction by economist Rick Casey.

3:30pm - Elections for Sale (Campaign Finance)

In a Democracy, the main qualification for a person to run for public office should not be wealth. But in our current system, so much money is required to run a campaign that most candidates are eliminated at the start. What can Colorado do to correct this? What has been done in other states? How can you make a difference? Former State Senator and Majority Leader Ken Gordon and Jim Hoffmeister of Clean Campaigns Colorado lead a discussion mapping a way to cleaner elections.

4:30pm - How are YOU going to fix it? (The Citizen Lobbyist)

Through the din of special interest's paid lobbyists, your lawmakers want to hear from you. We show you the steps to making your voice heard and leveling the playing field with special interests. State Senator Morgan Carroll and former State Representative Gwyn Green share tips on how to cut through the clatter and effectively communicating your concerns, ideas and interests to your elected officials.

5:30pm - Dinner

Enjoy another BTC home-made, local food extravaganza while meeting some of the candidates running in local elections.

6:30pm - US Senate Candidates Forum

Jared Polis (speaking for Michael Bennet) and Andrew Romanoff answer your questions. Mike Miles will moderate with an introduction by David Sirota.

Full program and dinner for **\$25**. Space is limited, please go to www.BTC-USA.org to register. Discounts for early registration. Senior, student and veteran rates available.