

VOICE

for justice

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About VOICE

VOICE, founded in 2008, is a broad-based, multi-institution, multi-racial, multi-faith, strictly non-partisan citizens organization, whose 45-member institutions represent 180,000 families in Alexandria City, Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William Counties. As the largest multi-faith, non-partisan organization in Northern Virginia, VOICE is mobilizing its leaders to effect positive change.

Track Record

VOICE has proven it can build power for the long-term, winning impressive victories since it launched in October 2008 with 2,500 leaders from 40+ institutions committed to pooling their collective power to create a *New Dominion for Justice and Participation* in the Old Dominion. Victories over the last 10 years include:

- Holding the CEO's from Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, and General Electric accountable for the foreclosure crisis in Prince William County, resulting in \$250 million in principal reduction and 1,500+ loan modifications that kept thousands of families from losing their homes;
- Addressing 1,500+ housing & fire code violations in apartment complexes in Fairfax, Alexandria, & Prince William;
- Organizing with tenants in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax to preserve more than 900+ units from upscale development and to create 1,000+ new affordable housing units on public and non-profit owned land

Vision

VOICE is committed to bringing people together across religious, racial, ethnic, economic and political party affiliations to build a stronger Virginia. We must act NOW to change the trajectory in Northern Virginia -- to reclaim the promise of living here for ourselves and for the next generation. We aim to reclaim politics as an honorable pursuit in which people working together have the power to change their communities and their country for the better. We must lead by showing that, if we build trust through relationships that cross the usual lines of division, we will strengthen our region & our state for the challenges ahead. VOICE is actively expanding and broadening its membership in each jurisdiction, and in new parts of Virginia, so that we have the power to tackle county-wide, region-wide, and state-wide issues through our non-partisan organizing work.

VOICE Member Institutions

Alexandria City

Beverly Hills Community United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Grace Episcopal Church, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church, Third Baptist Church, St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Virginia Theological Seminary

Arlington County

Arlington Presbyterian Church, Mount Olive Baptist Church, NOVA Catholic Community, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, St. George's Episcopal Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington

Fairfax County

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, ADAMS Center, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Burke Presbyterian Church, Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center, Emmaus United Church of Christ, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Floris United Methodist Church, Muslim American Society – DC, Nativity Catholic Church, NOVA Hebrew Congregation, St. John Neumann Catholic Community, St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, Temple Rodef Shalom, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, VOICE of Mt. Vernon

Prince William County

Bull Run Unitarian Universalists, Dar Al-Noor Islamic Community Center, First Baptist Church Manassas, First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Georgetown South Community Council, Holy Family Catholic Church, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church