

OPTIONAL RESOURCE:

Example Coalition Membership Form

Rights and Responsibilities of Membership

Rights of Coalition membership:

- ☐ **Participation:** Every member organization has a voice in shaping the direction and decisions of the Coalition, and is eligible to be nominated to leadership positions within the Coalition.
- ☐ **Communication:** Members have the right to be informed of major developments regarding Coalition matters, to receive financial reports when applicable, to have grievances heard and acknowledged, and to be treated honestly and respectfully by other Coalition members.
- ☐ **Self Interest:** Members have the right to express their self-interest and concerns and to benefit from Coalition victories. Member organizations reserve the right to opt out of specific Coalition tactics that may conflict with their self-interest, to abstain from voting, and to withdraw membership without penalty.
- ☐ **Publicity:** Members have the right to advertise as members of the Coalition, with the approval of the coalition.
- ☐ **Celebration and Community:** Members have the right to a joyous celebration when victories occur and to expand their network of friends and allies.

Responsibilities of Coalition membership:

- ☐ **Resources:** Every member organization commits to contributing resources (time, money, staff, in-kind resources) to help shape a common vision/action plan and to carry out Coalition actions.
- ☐ **Mission and Structure:** Members endorse the expressed values and mission statement of this Coalition and agree to follow the rules/structure agreed upon by the Coalition.
- ☐ **Active Participation:** Members agree to participate for one year, and to contribute their leadership through participation in campaigns.
- ☐ **Membership/Constituent Involvement:** Members commit to get their members, clients, and/or constituents involved in Coalition campaigns and to build their leadership through active participation.
- ☐ **Productive Communication:** Members agree to clearly communicate their own self-interest, as well as respect the self-interest, needs, opinions, and beliefs of the other organizations in this coalition.
- ☐ **Confidentiality:** Members agree, when strategically necessary, to keep Coalition matters confidential.

Membership process:

Organizations interested in membership should complete the two-page form included here. **Example Coalition** leadership will review and follow up with you with questions and/or a decision on membership.

Please submit form to: **INSERT CONTACT INFO**

**Yes, my organization wants to help work for _____ by becoming a member
of the _____ Coalition!**

Membership Commitment Statement

"I, _____, the _____,
(Official representative of the organization – print clearly) (your title)

of the _____,
(full name of your organization/institution)

hereby declare that the organization that I represent (mentioned above) is joining the
Example Coalition as a member. As a member we accept both the rights and
responsibilities of membership, as stated on page 1 of this form.

_____(Today's date)

Member Organization/Institution Contact Information:

Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

Organization Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Organization Website: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Title: _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____ Primary Contact Email: _____

Number of people your organization represents/serves: _____

Organizational Self-Interest:

My organization seeks the following benefits from membership in the _____
Coalition (check all that apply):

_____ Concrete wins related to the _____ campaigns:

_____ Demand

_____ Other:

_____ New relationships with other organizations

- Opportunities to increase the leadership and community involvement of my members/constituents/clients/etc.
- Opportunities to increase the visibility of my organization in the community/city
- Opportunities to put my organization's values, beliefs, faith and/or mission into action
- Opportunities to increase understanding of _____ issue, political and other issues (list specific issues your organization would like to learn more about through involvement in this coalition):

- Other. Please list: -----

Organizational Resources:

My organization seeks to contribute the following resources to the Example Coalition (check all that apply):

- Meeting space for hosting monthly meetings
- Bringing members/constituents/clients/etc. to large coalition-organized community meetings, trainings, events, etc.
- Money ("dues"), based on our ability, to help pay for coalition expenses
 The amount your organization is willing to contribute for the 2024-25 year: \$

- Other things/resources your organization is willing to commit to strengthen and carry out of the work of the _____ Coalition, please list: