

# CIVICS TOWN HALL

Thursday, **September 7, 2023**



# AGENDA

- 6:00** – Welcome and Introduction
- 6:05** – Legislative Update
- 6:10** – Eric Denyer presents "We the People" Hub
- 6:25** – Q&A, moderated by Mary Curley, Communications Director at CCIU
- 6:55** – Mary introduces Laura Hall from the Bipartisan Policy Center
- 7:00** – Event concludes



# MEETING NORMS



## We will:

1. Treat each other with respect and leave titles at the door
2. Use our time wisely by sticking to the agenda\*
3. Address any conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person
4. Ask clarifying questions when in doubt
5. We will discuss policy, not politics

\*Topics requiring further discussion will be documented for follow-up

# PREPARING FOR Q&A

Please write your questions on the comment card and pass them to a staff member.

If your question is not addressed during the town hall, we will respond to you via email or a phone call!

Please write clearly to ensure a response.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
**CHRISSYHOULAHAN**  
PROUDLY SERVING PENNSYLVANIANS

**STAY IN TOUCH WITH US**

**LET US KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT ISSUES MATTER MOST TO YOU?**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+
<input type="checkbox"/> Economy / Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> National Security
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gun Violence Prevention	_____
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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



- When Congress returns to session next week, we will resume budget/appropriations negotiations
- I have heard from many in our community who are concerned about a potential government shutdown
- I joined the **Bipartisan Fiscal Forum**, which is dedicated to responsible budget progress

# FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT

- The Freedom to Vote Act is the successor to H.R. 1, the For the People Act, which was previously passed in the 116th and 117th Congresses and was paired last Congress with H.R. 4, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act
- Specifically, **The Freedom to Vote Act** would:
  - Expand automatic voter registration and same day registration;
  - Strengthen vote by mail, early voting and ballot access;
  - Combat voter intimidation and voter suppression;
  - Protect elections from foreign interference;
  - Fix partisan gerrymandering;
  - Promote digital ad transparency;
  - Force disclosure of dark money; and
  - Empower small donors with matching funds through new State Election Assistance & Innovation Fund.

# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



**Rep. Houlahan Wins TWO  
Democracy Awards, First  
Time in Non-Partisan  
Congressional Management  
Foundation's 45-year History**

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**"Rep. Houlahan's office is  
one of the best in  
Congress."**

**--Brad Fitch, President  
and CEO of the  
Congressional  
Management Foundation**

# NEXT: ERIC DENYER

- Eric is an Education Specialist at the U.S. Capitol Historical Society
- The U.S. Capitol Historical Society is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, tax-exempt, educational 501(c)3 organization
- Mission: to educate the public on the history and heritage of the U.S. Capitol, its institutions and the people who have served therein.
- Website: <https://capitolhistory.org/>



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# The United States Capitol Historical Society





# Our Mission

The United States Capitol Historical Society is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization chartered by Congress in 1978 "to foster and increase an informed patriotism of the land in the study of this living memorial to the founders of this Nation and the continuing thread of principles as exemplified by their successors..."

- United States Capitol Historical Society Incorporation, 36 U.S.C. § 1201 (1978).



# We The People Hub



- Free, public access U.S. history and civics resources for all ages!





# Resources



- Step-by-step lesson plans for first year teachers
- Resources about all Three Branches of Government
- Teaching the Constitution through Theater



# Contact Us

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# SPECIAL GUESTS

*Moderator*



Mary Curley  
**Communications Director**  
Chester County  
Intermediate Unit

*Panelist*



Eric Denyer  
**Education**  
**Specialist** U.S. Capitol  
Historical Society

# Q&A

*Moderated by Mary Curley, Communications  
Director at the Chester County Intermediate Unit*

# BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER

- Laura Hall is the Executive Director of BPC Action. She joined BPC in March 2011 after several years of senior-level experience on Capitol Hill
- The Bipartisan Policy Center is a not-for-profit organization that ensures policymakers work across party lines to craft bipartisan solutions
- Mission: help turn legislators' best ideas into passable, durable laws. Since 2007, the Bipartisan Policy Center has helped shepherd countless bills across the finish line.
- Website: <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/>



Laura Hall  
**Executive Director**  
*Bipartisan Policy Center*



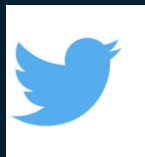
# CLOSING REMARKS



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