

WELCOME TO



**T O W N H A L L
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**A SIMPLE WAY TO GIVE COMMUNITY
AMERICA,**

**REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, THE
OTHERWISE COMMITTED, THE
UNCOMMITTED AND THE
UNCOMPUTERIZED,**

**A VOICE IN THE 2004 PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION**



Dear Fellow Americans,

Enclosed, please find the outline for

TOWNHALLWALL.ORG

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TOWNHALLWALL.ORG is a genuine participatory project that invites COMMUNITY AMERICA to fill in the last heated months of the presidential campaign with the energy, intelligence and “sound” of the American people...

By turning the national debate upside-down, putting the voice of grass roots America on the top and positioning the candidates as responders.

TOWNHALLWALL.ORG provides a way for the people to talk and be heard, not just talked to.

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THE CONCEPT IS SIMPLE

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**The Town Hall Wall simply changes the Town Hall Meeting in which
a certain number of people can speak,
To a community get-together where everyone is invited to say what they
think, at the same time,
By writing out their point of view...
And posting their thoughts on a big Town Hall Wall where everybody
can see what everybody else is thinking right away.**

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**In TOWNHALLWALL.ORG a community is anything its
members define it as: a village, a town, a neighborhood, a street, a
church, a club, a school, a class within a school, an organization, the
staff within an organization.**

TOWNHALLWALL.ORG



1. Invites the people from all the political parties of a community

To come together in a big festival-type day, call it, say,

TOWN HALL WALL FAMILY DAY

**A day with music and refreshments, perhaps speakers from all sides of
the political fence, perhaps celebrity guests,**

voting registration tables,

**And give every person at the event the opportunity to write and/or draw
how they think and feel...**

**About the issues, about what they need for a fulfilling life, about how to
make their community, the United States,
and the world, a better place...**

And put their message on the Town Hall Wall.



THE COMMUNITY STATEMENT

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**2. The Town Hall Wall fills up with individual statements,
but by the end of the day, the Wall always reveals the community's
general pattern of thought, at this period in time,
about the issue or issues being addressed.**

**After the Town Hall Wall event, a small group of all-partisan people
is invited to come together to turn that pattern of thought
into a COMMUNITY STATEMENT,
including its agreements and disagreements.**

**Maybe the group will want to invite the whole
community to a Town Hall Meeting to participate in creating the
COMMUNITY STATEMENT.**

**The COMMUNITY STATEMENT is then sent to the Candidates,
national and local, for response.**

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THE WEBSITE

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**3. Then the COMMUNITY STATEMENT is posted on the
COMMUNITY'S PAGE on TOWNHALLWALL.ORG
with or without the Candidates' response.***

**The community is invited to include on their page, a description of their
community and maybe a description of the Town Hall Wall Family Day
event, in photos, drawings, poems or whatever.**

**In this way, TOWNHALLWALL.ORG gives articulation, presence and
empowerment to communities across the nation and across the political
divide.**

***If the candidates do not respond to the community, the omission can be
considered to represent their statement of response. It is unlikely that
grass-roots individuals asking for response from candidates will get one.**

It is just as likely, tho', that communities will.

BASICALLY, THAT'S IT.

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SO



Instead of telling people what to think, TOWNHALLWALL.ORG honors people where they're at by inviting them to tell each other where that is. And to think through as a community, the issues that face us all.

Instead of ill-spirited divisiveness, it provides a unifying principle that people seem to be yearning for, a platform upon which people of all-partisan allegiances can come together to "speak" their points of view silently, visually, even joyfully, using the Town Hall Wall as mediator...

Town Hall Walls always work because they invite people to do what they like to do anyway, i.e. say what they think. They are fun to participate in, because their structure is almost game-like. They are quick, easy and inexpensive to set up.

And although TOWNHALLWALL.ORG enters the COMMUNITY STATEMENT into cyberspace reality, the important difference here is that the project begins by bringing all-partisan members of a community together, face-to-face.



Further details of the project are elsewhere on this website.

And we are here to guide you, at townhallwall@townhallwall.org

We hope your community will join us.

Best of luck to you. and to us all, during this important time.

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