## **Candidate Peace Pledge**

## A campaign for peace through civic action.

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## **Bring PEACE into the 2016 Campaigns**

"When the people lead, the leaders follow," Gandhi.

No future president seems to want to talk about peace. The candidates rail about war; how to war, with which allies, against which enemies, what to do as yesterday's enemies morph into friends and old friends become the new enemies.

Activists can build a voice for peace. There will be thousands of elections in 2016. Any candidate for any office, any party, Independent or unaffiliated can take the pledge. All across the country there will be partisan and non-partisan local, state and national elections, from school boards and water districts, from mayors and judges. Candidates need to be asked to take the Candidate Peace Pledge.

The Candidate Peace Pledge commits candidates to:

- 1. Prioritize diplomacy and peacemaking. End current wars and demilitarize the police.
- 2. Restructure the economy by investing in human capital, renewable energy, and building a more sustainable infrastructure.
- 3. Develop technologies and support cleanup of tens of thousands of sites contaminated by war and militarism in the US and around the world. Provide healthcare and compensation to people affected.

## PEACE must be a part of all discussions and debates.

- Endless wars over the past decades have damaged the social capital and physical infrastructure of the US and caused significant environmental destruction.
- The Pentagon must account for its missing \$8.5 TRILLION dollars.
- The Pentagon must pass an audit.
- Corruption must be cleaned out. The revolving door between the military, Congress, and war contractors is destroying the United States from within.