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As the Executive Director of the Climate + Energy Project, Dorothy Barnett is leading the effort to address the Heartland's energy future. Grounded in an approach based common ground solutions, Barnett has been successful in convening diverse voices in a conservative region of the country. Barnett has coordinated winning campaigns to protect the Kansas Renewable Portfolio Standard from special interest groups attacks during four legislative sessions, allowing the wind industry to grow to 40% of the state's power generation in just a decade.

Prior to her position as Executive Director, Barnett served for 4 years as CEP's Director of Energy and Transmission. This work put Dorothy on the ground in energy policy work at the local, state and regional level. Under Barnett's leadership, CEP continues to innovate and reach new audiences with projects like WEALTH: Water, Energy, Air, Land, Transportation and HEALTH, Climate + Energy Voters Take Action, the Kansas Environmental Leadership project and the Clean Energy Business Council, a multi sector business group focused on the advanced energy economy.



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Mission

The Climate + Energy Project (CEP) builds resilience in Kansas through equitable clean energy solutions and climate action.

Purpose

The Climate & Energy Project:

- connects people, organizations, and ideas;
- presents science-based facts;
- facilitates critical thinking and community engagement; and
- co-creates equitable and productive solutions.



Michael Poppa

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Michael Poppa joined the Mainstream Coalition (parent organization of The Voter Network) as Executive Director in January 2020, after serving as Council President for the City of Roeland Park, Kansas, and working for the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce as the Director of Member Engagement. In 2014, he became an “accidental activist” as Chair of the Metro KC chapter of Equality Kansas where he spearheaded the grassroots organizing efforts and coalition building that led to the passage of the first LGBTQ-inclusive nondiscrimination city ordinance in Johnson County. He has also served the metro Kansas City community on various boards and committees, including The Mid-America LGBT Chamber Public Policy Committee, Climate Action KC Advisory Committee, Suicide Awareness Survivor Support MO-KAN, and The Barn Players Community Theatre. Prior to his work in advocacy and politics, he held roles in corporate and small business operations, with an emphasis on personnel and resource management.



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