



**A STATEWIDE EFFORT  
TO CREATE RESPECTFUL  
DIALOGUE AND DISCOURSE  
ON PUBLIC ISSUES IN 2009**

Presented by:  
**Arizona  
Humanities  
Council**

**Project Civil Discourse**  
presents  
***Speaking, Not Shouting:***  
***A Community Conversation About Health Care Reform***

Tuesday, December 1, 2009  
Check-in 5:30 p.m.  
6:15 - 9:00 p.m.

AE England Building, Civic Space Park  
444 N. Central Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Listen and be heard. ***Speaking, Not Shouting: A Community Conversation About Health Care Reform*** will engage participants in a town hall discussion that captures opinions from a diverse spectrum of citizens around key questions that underlie health care reform.

The objective of this event is to aid in public understanding of the health care issue presently being debated and discussed in Congress and more importantly to demonstrate how an issue such as health care reform can be discussed in a civil and respectful way. The forums are nonpartisan; no particular outcome is intended nor is agreement on solutions necessarily sought.

**Discussion questions may include:**

- Should all Americans have access to a basic/minimal level of health care services?
- How do we balance individual rights with the community's interest in managing public health issues and controlling health care costs?
- What is the proper role of government in regulating/controlling costs related to health care?

**Featured Speakers**

**James G. Hodge Jr.**, *Lincoln Professor of Health Law and Ethics*  
Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

**Kim VanPelt**, *Associate Director*  
St. Luke's Health Initiatives

**Free and Open to the Public**  
**Registration is Required as Space is Limited**

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**Health Care Reform Resources**

[AARP](#)  
[Alliance of Community Health Plans](#)  
[American Medical Association](#)  
[Arizona Town Hall Report on Health Care](#)  
[Center for American Progress](#)

[Congressional Budget Office](#)  
[Coping with the Cost of Health Care: How do We Pay for What We Need?](#)  
[Kaiser Family Foundation](#)  
[Kaiser Health News](#)  
[The Lewin Group study funded by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation](#)  
[National Center for Policy Analysis](#)  
[United States Department of Health and Human Services](#)

## **Presenting Partners**

This event is presented by Project Civil Discourse and the following Arizona organizations, all dedicated to creating a respectful dialogue and discourse on public issues.

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## **About Project Civil Discourse**

**[www.projectcivildiscourse.com](http://www.projectcivildiscourse.com)**

To advance society and improve the quality of life in Arizona, we must be prepared to discuss potentially divisive issues, such as growth, education, healthcare, religion, race, immigration and transportation. Our democracy is dependent upon a responsible citizenry that can, and will, wrestle with these tough issues, without partisanship, while maintaining respect for the need to hear, understand and take into account different viewpoints.

Project Civil Discourse is a special initiative of the Arizona Humanities Council working in collaboration with organizations from around the state to provide opportunities for the public to participate in trainings, forums, and special events that share, model and provide insight on collaborative problem-solving skills. The program goal is to widely share proven skills that can enhance and improve debate and discussion about the important issues that affect our future.