# High Impact eAdvocacy Overview

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#### First Things

- ► Introductions: Who are you?
- ➤ Our Goals
  - Use the "Listening Tour" feedback you gave us to inform this first training of the series
  - Get a handle on different online communications channels and how they compare to one another
  - Give you a larger framework in which to understand how these tools should be used
  - Most importantly, answer your questions
- ► What Are Your Goals?





#### First Things

- ▶ This training is envisioned as a dialog
  - We invite you to ask questions early and often
- ► Please ask questions early and often
  - Especially if and when we use technical jargon, terminology and concepts you don't know
- ► It will only be as valuable for you as you make it!





## Limitations of Online Organizing

- Digital divides
  - Never forget who's left out by "e" strategies
- Trust relationships are best built in person
  - Online organizing is most effective when it leverages established social networks and communities
- ► Each community and campaign is different
  - Your mileage will vary





#### **Bottom Line**

- ► Online tools aren't a magic bullet
  - You need
    - An achievable campaign goal
    - A compelling message
    - Effective tactics to realize goal
    - A plan for engaging supporters and well-defined ways for them to plug in
  - eAdvocacy is more about organizing and organizational challenges than tech challenges



## Aspiration's e-Capacity Initiative

- ► Goal: Organizational self-sufficiency online
- eAdvocacy Mentoring Program
  - Cohort model for peer-based capacity gain
  - On-demand trainings, calls, support
- ► Answr.net
  - Best practices for online communications
- ► CA Discuss email list





#### **End Of Section**

- ► Questions? Comments?
- Let's do an interactive!

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