

# SECTION I – THE ROLE OF AN ORGANIZER

Thank you for taking time to organize for the **Night of 1,000 Conversations**. As an Organizer, we are asking you to commit to recruiting Hosts to host Conversations. The Conversations will build an educated constituency ready to take action locally and nationally for the ***Hold Department of Homeland Security Accountable!*** campaign. Your role is essential to deepening relationships with our allies and creating a space where we can persuade more people to change the harsh realities of a system that denies basic human rights and civil liberties for people living in the United States.

Recently, immigration raids, detention, and the backlogs in processing citizenship applications have been reported and examined by the media. While many in our communities have struggled with the consequences of these actions by DHS, we as communities rarely have the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the facts, stories and realities of these events. We need to create more spaces where we can allow people to come together and broaden our networks of allies and strengthen our community efforts against these violations of civil liberties and human rights.

The **Night of 1,000 Conversations** is an educational tactic and opportunity for people to talk about difficult issues. Conversations are the first step toward building our constituency of people educated to take action on the Rights Working Group's (RWG) ***Hold DHS Accountable!*** campaign. It is an essential phase of having our communities better understand the issues at the local and national levels. From Conversations we can mobilize communities to take action to create a stronger campaign locally and nationally.

## ORGANIZER'S TASKS

- Contact the RWG Field Coordinators or national office to connect to the ***Hold DHS Accountable!*** campaign;
- Set a goal for how many Conversations you want to organize;
- Recruit Hosts and ensure they follow through;
- Provide Hosts with support materials and organizing tips for successful Conversations;
- Remind Hosts to register their Conversation at <http://www.nightof1000conversations.org> to allow us to track the number of Conversations and their locations;
- Collect all postcards, letters, feedback and contact information of the attendees from the Hosts afterwards and return them to RWG; and
- Report back to your RWG Field Coordinator or the national office.