“The Governance We Deserve: Creating an Ecosystem for Innovative Solutions”

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Abstract
Wendy will talk about how our current system of governance was designed to solve a particular set of problems at a particular time in history. Now that these problems have evolved, how do we create institutions that can also evolve? Wendy will engage participants in a discussion about how to create a "governance ecosystem" that can encourage players from all sectors - government, private, and civic - to come together to solve problems in innovative and resilient ways.

Wendy Willis is the Interim Director of PCI / NPCC. Wendy is a national leader in the field of civic engagement and citizen-centered decision-making. Prior to joining PCI/NPCC, Wendy was the Executive Director for City Club of Portland, one of the most venerable civic organizations in the country. She has also served as an Assistant Public Defender for the District of Oregon and a law clerk to Chief Justice Wallace P. Carson, Jr. of the Oregon Supreme Court. Wendy is also a senior fellow of the American Leadership Forum Oregon, a poet, and the mother of two young daughters. She graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown Law Center and holds a B.A. from Willamette University.

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