

**A New Conversation presents:
VOTE! Be the Change You Want to See**

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A New Conversation: VOTE! Event Announcement

Join **A New Conversation** Wednesday, October 13 for our second annual community conversation as we present **Vote! Be the Change You Want to See**. Young professionals from across West Michigan are poised to start a new conversation around education and empowerment leading into the political races taking place this November.

This year's **VOTE! Be the Change You Want to See** event features, Lauri Parks, Grand Rapids City Clerk who will speak about the issues facing us in the upcoming elections.

Then a panel discussion, between young professional representatives from the: Democratic, Green, Libertarian and Republican parties will engage conversation on the current political climate and issues impacting our community.

Participants may also tweet **#ANCVOTE** to have questions answered via Twitter throughout the panel discussion.

Thanks again to **DeVos Place Convention Center/Convention Arena Authority** for hosting this event from **5:30-8:00 p.m.** on **October 13**.

This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Online registration is required by Friday, Oct 8.

Once again we will be collecting 100% fruit juice boxes to be donated to Kids Food Basket.

Register Today! <http://anewconversation.eventbrite.com/>

MEDIA AVAILABILITY:

For interviews and more information leading up to this event, please contact any of the following “A New Conversation” representatives:

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About A New Conversation:

A New Conversation began as a collaborative effort in 2009 between leaders of five area professional organizations: Asian Professional Organization, **BL²END**, Grand Rapids Young Professionals, West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Young Nonprofit Professionals Network and in collaboration with the SMG/DeVos Place Convention Center.

In 2010 with the “A New Conversation: VOTE!” event the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce is engaged as a collaborative partner as well.

These organizations saw a need for a new conversation between membership of all their organizations and the community around them.