

## COMING TOGETHER TO WIN

Introducing Convergence Targeted Communications

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# **Converge:** (v) to move toward one point and join together; to come together and meet {and win}

In the digital age, communication silos are breaking down. Online and offline media are targeted to finely selected audiences. Winning is about surrounding your targets wherever they are and delivering repeated, persuasive, and personalized messages that move them to action.

Candidates for public office and leaders of advocacy and constituent outreach efforts need to master the converging nature of targeted communications. That's what we've done for more than 25 years in the political and public affairs arena. From traditional paid media to direct mail to digital media, we've integrated multimedia communications strategies designed with one goal – winning for our clients.

Our team has experience working for and managing large political communications firms. **Our choice to remain small is deliberate**, allowing us to provide the highest quality service to all our clients. We have the decades of experience and industry-wide relationships of a large firm, with the flexibility and accessibility of a small firm.

#### We take a limited number of clients and devote our all to them.

Full-Service Direct Mail

**Targeted Digital Advertising** 

**Strategic Vision** 

### **What Our Clients Say**

Convergence's highly targeted, neighborhood-specific persuasion mail was an important communication tool in my election victory. I could always rely on them for honest, thoughtful advice and follow-through."

Fmr. Mayor John Tecklenburg Charleston, SC

From my first race to City Council and through a very competitive election as Mayor of Phoenix, Convergence worked with me to develop innovative, substantive mail that connected with voters and left a strong impression. Perhaps most importantly, Convergence's leaders are trusted advisors who I turn to when I make my most important political decisions."

Mayor Kate Gallego Phoenix, AZ

We had a complex, statewide ballot measure with a limited budget. Convergence helped tailor an effective message to our best mail targets and meet our budget. They were great partners for reform."

Brian Cannon Campaign Manager, Yes on Amendment #1 - Fair Maps Virginia

Convergence has been a vital part of my team since 2015, from my re-election as Mayor to my first run for Congress, and every campaign since. Any candidate for office would be well-served to have Convergence on their team." Congressman Greg Stanton AZ-04











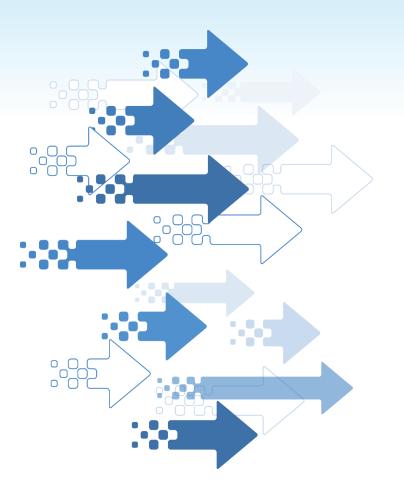


# Strategic Vision & General Consulting

We put our decades of experience to work for your campaign or cause by helping you every step of the way:

- Finding staff and consultants for campaigns of all shapes and sizes
- Assisting with the drafting and review of strategic documents including polls, field plans, and budgets
- Drafting communications plans and helping campaigns and organizations determine their core message

We tailor our involvement in our clients' work to suit their needs and the size of the team. We have extensive experience working as general consultants, as the only consultants on a race, and as part of large consultant teams. In any case, we seek to be proactive and make our experience and insights available to you on all aspects of campaign strategy.



#### **Direct Mail**

We offer end-to-end direct mail services — from targeting and drafting to production and fulfillment. We design mail that fits our client's unique needs, from traditional mail to innovative, creative design that stands out. We stay up to date with changes in the print industry, research on the efficacy of direct mail, and ongoing changes in USPS regulation and reliability to make sure that we don't just design great-looking mail, but *effective* mail that gets to the right place quickly dependably, and affordably.

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### **Digital Advertising**

### Our digital and print work stands out for the same reason: we combine outstanding creative work with thoughtful targeting.

Our approach to online persuasion starts with video and encompasses every digital space where voters and decisionmakers can be found. We provide a full suite of digital advertising services as a standalone suite or integrated with our direct mail services, ensuring that your message is communicated consistently across multiple channels.

#### **Products**

- Digital-first video content
- Microsites
- Banner ads
- Online radio/audio ads
- Social media ad copy & content
- Search ad copy & content

#### **Targeting/Placement**

- Programmatic 1:1
- Site direct
- Platform-direct
- Geotargeted
- Connected TV



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# **Targeting Experience & Data Capability**

## Our team is packed with decades of field experience, from the early 1990s to the present day.

Whether we're assessing the demographic makeup of our paid media targets, modeling a likely electorate, or working alongside our campaign partners' dedicated field and data staff to make sure our programs are fully integrated, we have the experience and the data literacy that can mean the difference between victory and defeat.

In cases when national or state-level turnout and support models are available, we use them — and we read the release notes. We have experience working to order, deploy, and use issue models or other tools to make sure that our messages are hitting the right mailboxes and screens and missing the wrong ones.

In addition to familiarity with the full suite of NGPVAN tools and commercial voter files like PDI and L2, our team are SQL proficient with experience working directly with the DNC's voter file.

#### **Convergence: Bringing It All Together**

As our name suggests, our goal is to ensure that your campaign's paid communications and targeting strategy all come together to **communicate the right message to the right audience** across every available channel. We focus on working with every other member of the client team to ensure this coordination, and reject a 'siloed' approach.

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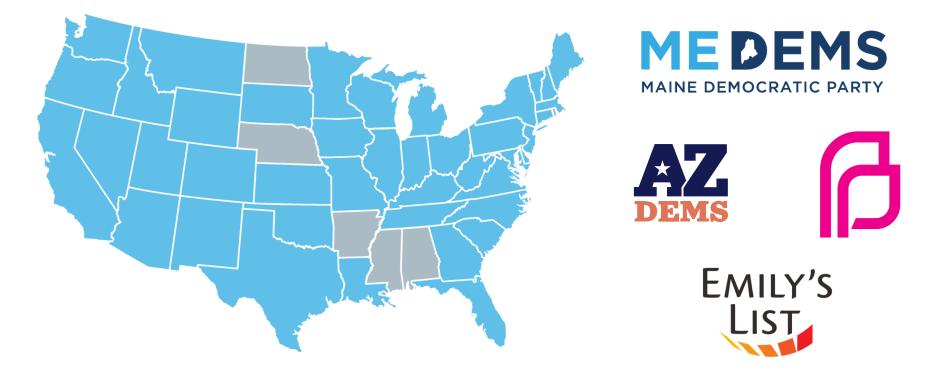
## Experience



#### **Experience At Every Level**

Convergence and our staff have campaign experience in **43 states and the District of Columbia.** Our team has helped elect more than 50 members of Congress and worked on **Presidential, federal, state legislative, municipal, and ballot initiative campaigns of all sizes** from coast to coast. Some of our current and former clients have included:

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#### Federal and Statewide Campaign Experience

Convergence has helped steer strategy and targeting for **Gubernatorial or US Senate races in seven states** since our founding in 2014, and our staff have helped elect **more than 50 members of Congress**.

Large races present many unique challenges: multiple messaging tracks, the use of more complex targeting, and the need for direct mail, digital, and television campaigns to coordinate their efforts, to name just a few. We've worked as the chief strategist and as part of a team to deliver the wins for our clients across the country, in primary and general elections.



### Independent Expenditure Experience

Independent expenditures present unique challenges, from the strategic construction of a message that complements hard-side communication to the nuts-and-bolts complications that come with campaign finance reporting and legal compliance.

Convergence and our senior strategic team have experience working on independent expenditure races across the country, from Maine to South Carolina to California, addressing messaging challenges, developing distinctive creative, responding to a constantly changing political environment, and working with clients and our vendors to ensure adherence to the effort's legal obligations.



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### State Legislative Campaign Experience

Our experience in state legislative races crosses the country, and in districts that range from San Francisco to rural Missouri.

We understand the strategic considerations that vary from district to district (including the impact of early voting and vote-by-mail, primary election laws, impacts of races elsewhere on the ballot, and more), and those that benefit from our broad experience no matter the race.

Since 2014, our state legislative experience includes work in:

- Arizona
- California
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Maryland
- Maine
- Missouri
- New York

- Oklahoma
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia



#### **Municipal Campaigns**



Municipal campaigns are a different animal, and they require a different approach. Since our founding, Convergence has made it a priority to bring first-rate strategy and execution to municipal campaigns, where they can frequently make the biggest difference.

We've worked on races ranging in size from the Mayorship of America's fifth-largest city to city council districts covered by two zip codes (and we won both of those races). A partial list of our recent municipal victories includes:

- Baltimore, MD City Councilmember Mark Conway
- Chattanooga, TN Mayor Tim Kelly
- Kansas City, MO Mayor Quinton Lucas
- Phoenix, AZ Mayor Kate Gallego
- Anne Arundel County, MD Executive Steuart Pittman
- Charleston, SC Mayor John Tecklenburg
- Charleston County, SC Councilmember Kylon Middleton
- Annapolis, MD Mayor Gavin Buckley
- San Francisco, CA Mayor London Breed (IE)

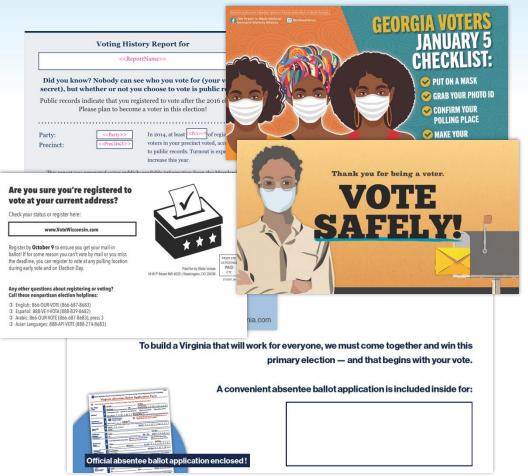


### **Civic Engagement**



Convergence knows how vital the role of civic engagement is in protecting our democracy and expanding access to voting. In addition to our work with political campaigns, we've worked with number of nonprofits, state parties, and advocacy organizations to run direct mail programs focused on:

- Voter Education
- Voter Registration (including prefilled applications and chase)
- Absentee/Early Voting Education & Chase
- Social Pressure GOTV



## **Your Team**



#### **Chris Cooper**



**Chris Cooper** founded Convergence Targeted Communications after nearly five years as a Managing Director of SKDKnickerbocker in Washington, DC. Previously he spent nine years with MSHC Partners (formerly Malchow Schlackman Hoppey & Cooper).

During nearly two decades in politics, Chris has worked on campaigns in 40 states as well as the United Kingdom. His experience spans the fields of communications strategy; persuasion mail creation, execution and microtargeting; traditional and digital media consulting; campaign/project management; and public relations. His work has helped win elections from President, Governor and U.S. Senator to state representative and city councilmember.

Over seven election cycles, Chris developed persuasion mail campaigns for the independent expenditure arm of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC). His work has helped elect over 35 Members of Congress.

A native of Charleston, SC, Chris graduated cum laude from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and is a frequent lecturer at colleges, political training seminars and conferences in the U.S. and Europe. Chris and his wife, Elizabeth Spratt Cooper, live in Washington, DC, with their two daughters.

### **Nick Mildebrath**



**Nick Mildebrath** is a Partner at Convergence Targeted Communications and joined the company at its founding in 2014. Over the course of more than a decade in politics, he's managed and provided strategic guidance to political and public affairs campaigns in 29 states.

Nick played a central role in Convergence's work on behalf of clients at every level of the ballot, including Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign, the successful election of Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Quinton Lucas in 2019, and the defeat of a Republican County Executive and State's Attorney in Anne Arundel County, Maryland in 2018, when an incumbent Republican Governor carried the county by a significant margin.

Before his time with Convergence, Nick worked in a variety of roles on political campaigns in his native Florida, including as a manager. He's proud to have started his career as a field organizer in Washington State before working on campaigns in Florida and New York.

Nick is a proud graduate and loyal fan of the University of Florida, where he received his degree in political science.

#### **Hannah Stansbury**

**Hannah Stansbury** is the Campaigns Director at Convergence Targeted Communications and joined the company in 2024. With over a decade of campaign experience, Hannah has a proven track record of winning candidate and issue races across the West.

From 2019 to 2024, Hannah worked on and eventually headed Strategies 360's Campaigns Team based in Seattle, Washington. In this role, she worked with clients in the electoral and advocacy arenas across 10 Western states to produce direct mail, print collateral, and digital marketing projects. Prior to that, she consulted on a variety of partisan and issue campaigns in Utah up and down the ballot and served as the campaign manager for Utah's Medicaid expansion ballot initiative, which passed in 2018.

Originally hailing from Wyoming, she began her career running field operations for offensive state legislative races. In 2015, she was instrumental in founding a nonprofit coalition to conduct civic education and crafted leadership development and GOTV field programs.

Outside of politics, Hannah loves to travel, attend performing arts, and dig into a good book.

#### **John Rasure**



**John Rasure** is a Senior Associate at Convergence Targeted Communications. A lifelong news junkie, he got his start in politics working on local campaigns in his beloved home state of California. Since then he has traveled around the country working on campaigns in Iowa, Texas and DC. He has managed five local level races and worked at the DCCC.

John lives in DC with his partner and enjoys cooking, fantasy novels, and being a step-dad to two cats. He is a graduate of University of California, Davis and does not pay attention to their sports teams at all.

#### **Lilah Shandel**



Lilah Shandel is an Associate at Convergence Targeted Communications. She joined the firm in 2024 after graduating from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor with an honors degree in Political Science. In college, she served as an editor of the Michigan Undergraduate Law Review and the Managing Editor of Consider Magazine. She got her start in politics by volunteering with local campaigns in her home state of New Jersey, and working with grassroots advocacy groups, specifically women's health organizations.

Lilah is an avid news junkie and she loves to read, bake, and watch football and hockey. She is an enthusiastic Michigan sports fan – go blue! – and a begrudging NY Rangers and NY Giants fan.

## We're ready to work for you!

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