



# COUNCIL FOR A LIVABLE WORLD 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

*“The weapons of war  
must be abolished before  
they abolish us.”*

—President John F. Kennedy

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

2021 marked another year of “the new normal.” Despite these trying times, I am proud of the work we have done this year to confront the out-of-control Pentagon budget and build a more progressive national security policy. Our political team began its candidate work for the 2022 midterm elections early this year, and our Board endorsed our first slate of candidates over the summer. All our work is to keep champions of our issues in the halls of Congress.

Your continued support has made all our accomplishments possible, and I am proud to share with you a short list of what we did this year:

- Began vetting midterm election candidates and conducting candidate interviews and endorsements. We ended 2021 with nine endorsed candidates and with \$110,000 raised for their campaigns, with a full year of fundraising ahead in 2022.
- Led and coordinated the efforts of communitywide initiatives to reduce nuclear weapons spending, cut wasteful Pentagon initiatives and build a more progressive national security policy.
- Met with some 70 congressional offices and 5 congressional committees to push for saner nuclear policies, budget cuts and a diplomacy-first approach to U.S. foreign policy.
- Worked with congressional offices to introduce and promote legislation to cut the Trump administration's new nuclear weapons, cut Pentagon budget bloat, and retire dangerously outdated nuclear forces.
- Helped expand the new bicameral congressional Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control Working Group.

- Pushed the Biden administration to keep to its campaign promises to reduce the size and role of the U.S. nuclear arsenal in our military strategy.

- Added to the most diverse board of directors in the Council's history after losing many to the Biden administration.

There is a lot of work ahead, and the challenges posed by nuclear hawks in Congress and the Pentagon will only become more intense, but we are on a strong foundation to push ahead through 2022 and the future.

We are honored to have so many dedicated supporters who believe in our cause.

The fights ahead will be brutal, but we are committed to supporting Members of Congress who believe in building a world free from nuclear dangers and ensuring that your donations go to candidates who need help the most.

Thank you for all that you have done to support the Council over the past year. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership into the future, where together we can build a more livable world.

Sincerely,



John Tierney  
Executive Director  
Member of Congress, 1997-2015



## OUR WORK

The Council's work continues to take two primary forms: lobbying on Capitol Hill and endorsement of and raising funds for Congressional candidates that support our vision of a world without nuclear weapons.

The Council's advocacy on Capitol Hill continues to lead the fight against new nuclear weapons and wasteful Pentagon spending.

Our legislative analyses on topics including the National Nuclear Security Administration budget request and the defense spending that was inserted into coronavirus relief funding proposals were circulated widely on Capitol Hill and used to continue fighting

for smart policies that reduce nuclear threats and work to right-size the Pentagon budget. The Council continues to coordinate the non-proliferation community's advocacy and outreach through the hosting of weekly campaign calls meant to reinforce community efforts, communications and legislative outreach to maximize our collective impact.

Furthermore, we keep our members and the public informed about national security legislation through our weekly legislative calendar updates. These emails detail the congressional business that will impact nuclear weapons policy and national security. ■



# CANDIDATES SUPPORTED

The race for the 2022 midterms is on and the Council made its first candidate endorsement in Fall 2021. As always, the Council supports candidates who believe in reducing the threat of nuclear arsenals worldwide and seek to prioritize a diplomacy-first approach to U.S. foreign policy.



We are proud of the work we did in 2021 to lay a solid foundation for our 2022 endorsements and are looking forward to advancing more candidates in the 2022 cycle. Stay tuned to our website and social media for more announcements on the election and endorsements in 2022.

## OUR LEGACY

Since 1962, the Council for a Livable World has helped to elect 400 members of Congress who are supportive of principled national security and foreign policy positions, including arms control.



Council members and supporters provide more funds to candidates than any other organization focused on nuclear weapons issues. Together with our members and friends, the Council raised \$1.5 million for endorsed candidates in 2020.

Along with its sister organization, the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Council for a Livable World has been at the forefront of U.S. arms control and national security policy for more than half a century.

The Council works directly with Congress to advocate for sensible national security policies and arms control. Some notable accomplishments include ratification of the New START treaty with Russia, establishing a U.S. nuclear testing moratorium, and supporting the Iran nuclear negotiations.

## REACH

Our supporters make us what we are. Thanks to the more than 60,000 nationwide who believe in our mission and focus on changing nuclear weapons policy.

Members, who pay \$5 annually to the Council, are eligible to contribute to the Council's Candidate Fund. Our political action committee (PAC) is used to endorse candidates in tight races as each election cycle comes to a close. 2022 will be a very active year for the PAC.



# FINANCIALS

The Council's audited financials and 990s are available [on our website](#).

# LEADERSHIP

## John Tierney

*Executive Director; Member of Congress, 1997-2015*

## OFFICERS

### Robert K. Musil – Chair

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*Attorney*

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*Attorney, Hartford Financial Services Group*

### Lorin Walker – Treasurer

*Consultant*

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*Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Former Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe*

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*Attorney; Former Ambassador to Iceland*

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*Deputy Vice President for Communications and spokesperson for Princeton University; Former Foreign Service Officer*

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*Fellow at Quincy Institute; Former President of the Ploughshares Fund; Author*

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*Professor, Boston University; Co-director of the Costs of War Project at Brown University*

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*Professor of Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University*

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### Rep. Harold P. Naughton, Jr. (Hank)

*Partner, Napoli Shkolnik PLLC; Former Member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives*

### Philip Schrag

*Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center; Former Deputy General Counsel of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency*

### Mariah Sixkiller

*Leader, National Security Practice, Sixkiller Consulting*

### Mark Udall

*Former U.S. Senator, Colorado, 2009-2015*

### Daniel Wirls

*Professor, University of California at Santa Cruz; Author of three books, including *Irrational Security: The Politics of Defense from Reagan to Obama* (2010)*

# THANK YOU, SUPPORTERS!

Thank you to our supporters for standing behind our mission at the Council for a Livable World, a 501(c)(4) non-profit, to promote policies to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons. **We wish to especially thank the following for their strong commitment to our work and mission:**

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