

# TRUSTBUILDING

## ***An Honest Conversation on Race, Reconciliation, and Responsibility***

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Rob Corcoran

"At a time of sharp polarization, characterized by deep divides," the process of community change described in *Trustbuilding* "provides a map for the future" says Tim Kaine, former governor of Virginia. This compelling new book by Rob Corcoran, National Director of Initiatives of Change and founder of Hope in the Cities is part historical narrative and part handbook for a **model of dialogue and community change that has been adopted both nationally and internationally**. At its center is the story of how Richmond, Virginia, a former slave market, capital of the Confederacy, and leading proponent of Massive Resistance, has become a **seedbed for inter-racial dialogue and community trustbuilding**.

Kaine, who served as Richmond's mayor before being elected to statewide office, writes in his foreword to the book that Hope in the Cities has "moved what looked like an immovable barricade" in a city starkly divided along racial lines and "congenitally resistant to change of any kind."

"**Trust is the social capital** on which our democratic institutions depend," Corcoran told representatives of local and state government, business, and non-profit organizations, at the book launch at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. "Today we have a huge trust deficit in America. How do we build that bridge of trust? The most-needed reforms in our communities require levels of political courage and trust-based collaboration that can only be achieved by individuals who have the vision, integrity, and persistence to call out the best in others and sustain deep and long-term efforts."

"This is a soberly inspiring book about citizens who have struggled to find respectful and productive ways of relating through dialogue across the racial, social, and economic differences that dangerously divide us." *Harold H. Saunders, Chairman and President, International Institute for Sustained Dialogue, former Assistant Secretary of State*

"A visionary, compelling account of healing and change. Don't just read it; share it with others in your community and use it as a roadmap for personal and public transformation." *Martha McCoy, Executive Director, Everyday Democracy*

"Corcoran reaffirms the moral imperative inherent in racial reconciliation. He offers us examples of what is possible and tools with which to begin our own work." *Hannibal B. Johnson, author of Black Wall Street*

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**Rob Corcoran** has facilitated dialogue, reconciliation and partnerships among diverse and polarized racial, ethnic, and religious groups in Europe, South Africa, India, Australia and the U.S. for over thirty years.

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