



There is, perhaps, nothing more difficult than building a volunteer civic engagement movement from scratch. Everything from the grand vision and mission to the smallest details are blank sheets of paper that need to be filled through a process of consensus.

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