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New Book Highlights Rare Stories of Politicians Seeking Common Ground

Better Politics, Please Offers Encouraging Stories as a Divided Nation Approaches Election Day

West St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 24, 2020 - As we approach the 2020 presidential election, people yearn for a politics that's less divisive. *Better Politics, Please: 35 Stories of Politicians Who Value Hope Over Hate* is a collection of encouraging stories of common ground. It's about finding a more productive and civil form of public discourse.

"People will always disagree, but what if we could find something to celebrate in each person, no matter their party?" asks author Kevin D. Hendricks. "Instead of trying to pick a fight, let's try to start a conversation."

The book, launched with the help of nearly 120 backers on Kickstarter, offers short profiles of politicians from both sides of the aisle and from local, state, and federal government. Each profile draws from a wealth of secondary sources to give an in-depth look at bipartisanship. It's also illustrated, featuring quirky drawings of nine politicians by artist Carolyn Swiszczy.

There are familiar names, such as Senator Tammy Duckworth and Rep. Dan Crenshaw, as well as local politicians you likely haven't heard of, such as Republican-turned-Democrat Beth Fukumoto and nonpartisan Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve.

Here are a few quotes from the featured politicians:

- "We need a revival of civic grace." -U.S. Senator Cory Booker
- "If you spend all your time sowing discord, that's what you're going to reap." -U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler
- "We will never heal our democracy hiding behind a keyboard." -Minnesota State Senator Matt Little
- "We can disagree without being disagreeable." -Erin Stewart, Mayor of New Britain, Conn.

It's time to make civic engagement civil again. *Better Politics, Please* releases is now available in [print](#) and [digital](#) versions. Visit BetterPoliticsPlease.com for more details.

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