



You are not the only technologist who is worried about democracy. We're in this together.

Civic Guild is a membership community of technologists organized around the impact of transformative technology on the strength of our democracy.

// WHO WE ARE

A community of **practitioners**.

A membership organization for people who work in technology companies in Silicon Valley and the broader U.S. tech ecosystem. Membership is open to anyone in a technical or policy role who commits to the organization's principles.

// WHAT WE ARE NOT

Not a think tank. Not a lobbying group. **A community**.

We are a community of practitioners — people who build these technologies and understand, from the inside, **what they can do and what is at stake**.

What makes us **different**.

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Practitioners, not analysts.

Our members build these technologies. That gives us credibility and insight policy-focused organizations cannot replicate.

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Principles, not partisanship.

Democratic governance, scientific rigor, openness, cooperation — not any party or candidate. Members across the spectrum find common ground here.

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A community, not an institution.

We are a membership organization, not a staff-driven think tank. The energy, ideas, and action come from our members.

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Independent of industry.

Members work at technology companies, but participate as individuals — not as representatives of their employers.



// WHAT WE BELIEVE

Four commitments that unite the community.

Membership begins with shared commitments about what it takes for an open society to govern transformative technology well.

01 Democratic governance & the rule of law.

The response to extraordinary disruption is to reinforce the structures that distribute power legitimately — an independent judiciary, a professional civil service, a free press, and regulatory authority accountable to the public interest.

02 Rigorous scientific inquiry.

Without independent research grounded in empirical evidence, reproducible results, and intellectual honesty — sustained through universities, federal research agencies, and peer-reviewed science — we cannot govern technology wisely.

03 Open societies that welcome talent.

American technological leadership has been built by people from every part of the world. A country that closes itself off from global talent commits both a moral failure and a strategic one.

04 International cooperation among democracies.

AI is a global enterprise; its consequences do not respect borders. That requires sustained cooperation through alliances and multilateral institutions — with democracies leading rather than retreating into technological nationalism.

// WHAT WE DO

Three kinds of activations.

01 COMMUNITY & MUTUAL SUPPORT

A trusted place to think, gather, and act.

Caring about democratic values inside the tech industry can be isolating. We provide a community to share concerns, develop ideas, and build the relationships that make collective action possible.

02 TECHNICAL TALENT, DEPLOYED

Lending our skills to pro-democracy organizations.

Civil society groups, newsrooms, and legal advocates often lack the technical talent they need. We bridge that gap through pro bono projects and volunteer surge capacity.

03 POLICY & TECHNICAL ADVISORY

Grounding AI advocacy in technical reality.

As pro-democracy organizations take up AI policy, we provide technical advisory that helps them position credibly and ground their advocacy in how the technology actually works.

// YOU'RE ALREADY ONE OF US

If you build the technology and care about the institutions that govern it: **you belong here.**

JOIN THE COMMUNITY
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OR ASK

The member who handed you this sheet.