Advances in digital technologies over the past two decades have significantly influenced our behaviors and what and how we communicate, from our social lives to our politics. On February 23, Elizabeth “Betsy” Cantwell, senior vice president for research and innovation, will be joined by Keith Allred, executive director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse, for the last in a four-part series exploring the impact of these new technologies on civic engagement.

The topic for this “fireside chat” will focus on turning citizens into voters and increasing awareness of and engagement in civic life. The discussion will be livestreamed. Registration is required. Registered attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions through an online Q&A.

About the participants:

Keith Allred became the Executive Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse on January 1, 2019. He was recruited to lead NICD because he had recently launched CommonSense American, a new organization that brings Republicans, Democrats, and Independents together from across the country to find and champion solutions with broad support.

Dr. Elizabeth “Betsy” Cantwell leads the University of Arizona Office for Research, Innovation and Impact, which includes the Corporate Engagement Program, Tech Launch Arizona, Arizona FORGE and Tech Parks Arizona.