



## **J Street Seeks a National Political Director**

Over the past 9 years, J Street's political operation has grown into one of the largest and most sophisticated in progressive politics. Indeed, JStreetPAC has emerged as the nation's largest pro-Israel political action committee, distributing over \$3.6 million to 124 candidates in 2016. We now seek a proven leader with significant experience as a political practitioner to oversee the day-to-day management of this operation and direct the organization's political strategy.

Launched in 2008 with four staff and a limited budget, J Street set out to change the debate on Israel in American politics and the Jewish community. It has since grown into one of the leading advocacy and political organizations at the center of the national debate over the U.S.- Israel relationship, promoting the importance of diplomatically resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and prioritizing effective diplomacy in the Middle East. Today, J Street is a \$9 million organization with a national staff of 70 and growing.

J Street's National Political Director will oversee the operation of and strategy behind JStreetPAC, in addition to managing J Street's PAC Manager and Political Outreach Associate.

The ideal candidate will be a self-starting, entrepreneurial thinker with senior experience working on political campaigns and/or for advocacy organizations.

### **Specific Responsibilities**

- Direct J Street's political strategy, from determining the organization's topline political messaging to prioritizing which candidates to endorse.
- Contribute to the organization's strategic planning as a key member of the Senior Staff.
- Collaborate with J Street's Regional Team to set and pursue fundraising goals for endorsed candidates and JStreetPAC. Extensive travel required for meetings with donors and candidates.
- Manage the two full-time members of the J Street's Political Team, as well as the working relationship between J Street's Political Team and the JStreetPAC Board and Finance Committee.
- Oversee day-to-day operations of JStreetPAC, from the PAC's candidate endorsement process to compliance.

### **Qualifications and Skills**

- Political fluency: The ideal candidate will have a firm grasp of the current political

environment and the incentives that guide campaigns, informed by significant experience working in such settings.

- Strategic thinker: Succeeding in this position requires the ability to set a clear vision for the Political Team and define tactics to achieve that vision.
- Collaborative worker: Working across departments within the organization is essential to excelling in this role.
- Leadership and management skills: As a senior leader within the organization, the National Political Director must set an example for junior staff and effectively set priorities for the Political Team.
- Fundraising experience: The National Political Director will be expected to raise significant funds for candidates and JStreetPAC.
- Working knowledge issues related to US-Israel relationship and the American Jewish community is also necessary to perform the role.
- Formal education requirements are less important than actual work experience.

### **Compensation and Hours:**

Salary for this position will be commensurate with skills and experience. Applicants with more significant experience will be considered and the position can be adapted to provide greater responsibility commensurate with their background. Duties may fluctuate based on J Street events and staff travel schedules. Benefits include paid vacation and sick leave, paid time off on federal and Jewish holidays, health and dental insurance, company paid life insurance, 401k and flexible spending account.

### **To Apply for the Position:**

This position is available immediately. Interested candidates should submit by email: 1) cover letter that explains why you are interested and qualified; 2) resume; 3) list of three references; and 4) a writing sample to [resumes@jstreet.org](mailto:resumes@jstreet.org) and indicate "National Political Director" in the subject line. J Street is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### **Additional Organizational Background**

J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans who want Israel to be secure, democratic and the national home of the Jewish people. Working in American politics and the Jewish community, we work to create the political space for elected leaders to pursue a diplomacy-first Middle East policy and push for a two-state outcome to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

As Americans, we advocate in Washington and in national politics for American policy that advances diplomatic resolution of Israel's conflicts with its neighbors. American policy plays an important role in the Middle East, and the voices of Jewish and other pro-Israel Americans are critical in shaping that policy. Through its advocacy and political work, J Street mobilizes support for American policy that helps resolve Israel's conflicts diplomatically and reshapes political perceptions of what it means to be

pro-Israel.

Within the American Jewish community, we advocate that our institutions and leaders ground our relationship with Israel in the same values they apply to other issues, including freedom, justice and peace – the very principles set forth in Israel’s Declaration of Independence. We urge Jewish communal officials and institutions to demonstrate leadership by speaking out in support of policies that align with our interests and values and against those that don’t. We also promote vibrant and respectful discourse about Israel within the Jewish community, expanding American connections to and support for Israel.

The organization is headquartered in Washington, DC, with 6 regional hubs around the country as well as an office in Tel Aviv. The J Street family of organizations includes J Street – a 501(c)(4) non-profit which is responsible for lobbying and advocacy; JStreetPAC – a federal political action committee that endorses and raises money for federal candidates; and the J Street Education Fund – a 501(c)(3) that works through community engagement, education and programming to advance J Street’s work.