

A Democracy that Works for All of Us

Quest: A thriving democracy where every voter's voice is heard, and every voice counts equally.

The problem – villains and their threats: Campaign contributions from the wealthy and big corporations, barriers to voting and anti-democratic rules block the voices and representation of far too many people.

- ➤ The rules allow the wealthy and big corporations to have a louder voice than working families and the middle class.
 - When it takes so much money to run for office, it's tough for regular people to get elected and represent their communities.
- ➤ Some elected officials who want to hold on to power backed by the wealthy and big corporations erect barriers to voting, often directed at people of color and young adults.
- Anti-democratic rules that give some people a bigger voice than others, don't let the majority rule and let elected officials to choose their own voters, undermining the very fabric of our democracy.

Our solution – heroes: Our democracy depends on every voice being heard, everyone being able to vote and ordinary people being able to compete fairly for office.

How we get there: We need to rewrite the rules of our democracy so that every voice is heard:

- Empower small donors: Match small contributions to candidates with a limited amount of public funds, so that ordinary people can run for office and represent their communities.
- ➤ Take down barriers to voting: Take down barriers to voting with automatic registration, expanded online registration, and expanded early and mail-in voting to strengthen our democracy. Prohibit voter ID and other laws that are directed at making it harder for people to vote.
- Expand and protect the vote: People who have served their time and are on parole should be allowed to vote.
- > Stop partisan manipulation of districts: Reform the rules and make the process of drawing districts impartial, so that our government is of, by, and for the people.
- Assure that the majority rules: Eliminate the antiquated Electoral College so that the candidate for President who gets the most votes wins the election.

Call to action: It's up to us to demand that we take down the barriers to every voice being heard, so that our democracy and government work for all of us, not just the wealthy few.

> We can restore balance to our democracy and make sure that everyone's voice is heard and every voice matters.