

Free Speech For People 2022 End of Year Report

Free Speech For People is fighting back against the threats facing our republic through our pathbreaking legal and grassroots organizing strategies. Our bold actions have created lasting and impactful change for voters and for our democracy. Thank you for your support, which has made this work possible. We are proud to share with you in this report all that we have achieved, together in 2022.

HOLDING INSURRECTIONISTS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

In June 2021, Free Speech For People launched the 14Point3 campaign to call on election officials across the country to uphold Section 3 of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the Insurrectionist Disqualification Clause, which bars anyone who has taken an oath of office and then engages in insurrection from holding future public office again.



Our campaign resulted in the first Member of Congress, and to-date the only Member of Congress, being questioned publicly under oath for her role in the January 6th insurrection; critical legal precedents and victories that will be applied to new challenges to candidate eligibility under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment, including against Donald Trump; and widespread public education on this constitutional provision through media coverage in the New York Times, the Washington Post, USA Today, MSNBC, CNN, and hundreds of additional media outlets.

On December 15, 2022, following Donald Trump's announcement that he will run for president again in 2024, we launched the Trump is Disqualified campaign with Mi Familia Vota Education Fund to build a national grassroots movement calling on Secretaries of State across the country to enforce Section 3 of the 14th Amendment and to declare Trump is disqualified from the ballot, due to his role in inciting, mobilizing, and encouraging the January 6th insurrection.

CHALLENGING FOREIGN CORPORATE INFLUENCE IN ELECTIONS

Free Speech For People is advancing innovative legislation to end foreign-corporate campaign spending in our elections. Our model legislation has been introduced by Congressman Jamie Raskin in the U.S. House of Representatives; advanced in California, Hawaii, Massachusetts, and New York in the prior state legislative sessions; and, in a great victory for our democracy, was passed by the San Jose City Council in a critical first vote prior to enactment. Further, Seattle has witnessed an end to multinational corporate spending in its local elections after becoming (in January 2020) the first jurisdiction in the country to enact this legislation.

EQUAL VOTE. EQUAL VOICE. FOR ALL.

It's time to **ABOLISH** super PACs.

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ABOLISHING SUPER PACS

Free Speech For People and Equal Citizens, on behalf of individual Massachusetts voters, filed two lawsuits in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court which could ultimately lead to an end to super PAC spending in the state and could set critical precedent for ending super PACs nationwide.

The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office declined to certify our proposed ballot initiative petition that would stop super PAC spending in Massachusetts elections, claiming that the measure would violate the constitutional right to free speech. Yet, in Massachusetts, no legal precedent supports that argument. We are now fighting back in the courts to allow our initiative petition to proceed. Getting our petition on the 2024 ballot is the first step in overturning the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals' disastrous 2010 decision in *SpeechNow v. FEC*, which created super PACs in federal elections.

ADVANCING THE BIG TECH ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Continuing our leadership work to press for bold solutions to critical issues confronting our democracy, we have drafted and are now advancing the Big Tech Accountability Act, designed to hold social media companies accountable when they engage in targeted amplification of disinformation and threats of violence on their platforms. Our model bill will protect internet users, voters, and the broader community from the dangers of such unchecked disinformation and violence on social platforms and protect online personal privacy and autonomy against commercial exploitation.



To read more about our work, please visit www.freespeechforpeople.org.

STOPPING ILLEGAL VOTER INTIMIDATION

We are leading the effort to challenge voter intimidation in the courts. We filed a federal lawsuit against the United States Election Integrity Plan, an extremist organization with ties to QAnon, seeking to stop USEIP's illegal voter intimidation campaign in Colorado, where the group's agents, some of whom are armed, are going door-to-door interrogating voters. USEIP often target high-density housing areas and communities experiencing growth among voters of color. We have won key rulings in this case. Our lawsuit expands upon the court victory we won prior to the November 2020 election to stop an armed voter intimidation campaign in Minnesota.

**STOP VOTER
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IN ARIZONA.**



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CHALLENGING VOTER SUPPRESSION LAWS

We have filed lawsuits in Texas and Arizona to challenge new restrictive state voting laws intended to suppress the votes of Black, Indigenous, and Latino voters following large voter turnout in the November 2020 election. The new voting laws have purged early voter lists, imposed strict voter ID measures, and reduced vote-by-mail access.

We are proud to represent leading voting and civil rights organizations in these cases and to have secured key victories allowing the cases to proceed.

THANK YOU FOR FIGHTING FOR OUR DEMOCRACY!

Thanks to your support, Free Speech For People will continue to take bold action in defense of our democracy and our Constitution.

We are honored to be in this fight with you. Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to sharing more victories in the year ahead.

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