

# Protecting Democracy

## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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#### We strive to promote ethics, transparency, and accountability in government.

- > People in positions of power should not lightly violate or discard long-standing political norms, especially norms that serve to limit the abuse of power.
- > Elected and appointed officials and government employees alike must eschew conflicts of interest and avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest in fidelity to the public trust.

#### We support equitable political representation.

- > Political structures and electoral systems should be designed to maximize participation of and provide equitable access to all citizens in a society.
- > Special care should be taken to protect the rights of the minority from undue infringement by the majority.

#### We recognize our civic responsibility to engage in democratic processes.

> Citizens have a duty to participate in representative government by casting an informed vote and seeking to engage with elected officials. As circumstances permit, they should consider participating in electoral politics as volunteers, candidates, or elected officials.



#### Protecting voting freedom and electoral processes

- > Democratic governance affirms the worth of souls. As a society, we must guard against every social, political, and legal effort that seeks to deny anyone the right of self-determination.
- > Without protected voting rights for every eligible American, it is impossible to have a government that is truly representative of and accountable to the people.

### Fair, nonpartisan redistricting efforts

> The sacred right to vote cannot be meaningfully exercised in systems designed to exclude alternative political viewpoints.

#### Voter education and mobilization

#### Ethics and accountability in government

> We encourage our fellow Americans to offer robust support to leaders of either party who are willing to courageously go where the truth leads in defense of democratic principles and the rule of law.