



Kirkland Democratic Committee

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RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE CLEAN MONEY, CLEAN ELECTIONS IN NEW YORK STATE

**FROM THE KIRKLAND DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
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WHEREAS money has too much influence in New York State politics; and

WHEREAS our current campaign financing system prevents our elected officials from focusing full-time on the business of governing because they have to spend so much time on election fundraising; and

WHEREAS a Clean Money, Clean Elections system of full public financing in New York State would provide candidates who qualify a set amount of public funds to run competitively for statewide and state legislative office; and

WHEREAS a CMCE system of full public financing makes elections into contests about issues and ideas instead of fundraising wars; and

WHEREAS a Clean Money, Clean Elections system of full public financing makes both candidates and elected officials accountable to voters, not donors; and

WHEREAS a Clean Money, Clean Elections system strengthens democracy by restoring the principle of "one person, one vote" by reducing the influence of big donor money in politics; and

WHEREAS CMCE strengthens democracy by giving people from many different backgrounds a fair shot at getting elected on the basis of their ideas and integrity rather than on the basis of how much money they can raise; and

WHEREAS CMCE has been a major success in Maine and Arizona where more people, including women and people of color are running for office, voter turnout has risen and the costs of elections are way down;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we endorse a Clean Money Clean Elections system of full public financing for New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we encourage Governor Spitzer and the New York State Legislature to enact a Clean Money, Clean Elections system of full public financing for New York State.