

VOTE FOR PROPOSITION H (DEMOCRACY DOLLARS) ON THIS MAY'S CITY BALLOT EXPAND DEMOCRACY, REDUCE THE POWER OF SPECIAL INTERESTS

This May 1, we have a once in a generation opportunity to expand democracy in Austin by voting for Proposition H-- which will greatly multiple small donors to candidate campaigns and reduce special interest influence. Please learn more and join us at www.democracydollarsatx.org

IN A DEMOCRACY, EVERYONE'S VOICE SHOULD BE HEARD, NOT JUST THOSE OF THE POWERFUL.

But contributions to candidates in Austin are dominated by special interests and wealthy donors, rather than the district's voters.

- Eighty-one (81) % of candidate contributions in Austin come from contributions of \$200 or greater; small donors have negligible impact.
- Three zip codes out of 44 total zip codes in Austin donated 43.4% of all contributions.
- The bottom 10 zip codes gave almost nothing: 3/10 of 1%.

Democracy Dollars is a known, successful approach to increase small donors and enhance their participation and voices. Every registered voter receives two \$25 Democracy Dollar vouchers, which they then may give to a mayoral candidate and a council candidate in their district of their choosing. Proposition H is based on a popular and successful local program in Seattle that:

- **tripled the number of donors;**
- **increased the diversity of donors;**
- **increased turnout** by 4x of infrequent voters who gave Democracy Dollars;
- **enabled independent, not-wealthy candidates** with community support to run viable campaigns.

Proposition H originated with the Austin Charter Review Commission. After bringing in experts and studying for months, the Commission recommended Democracy Dollars in May 2018. A Democracy Dollars program that is very similar to the Commission's proposal is on the ballot this May.