



One Connecticut Effective Democracy Priorities

A healthy democracy is one in which money and special interests do not drown out other voices. We need strong, organized communities where every vote counts and everyone participates in government. We need a fair system that levels the playing field for participation from diverse groups and where elected officials are accountable to the communities they serve.

To restore trust and confidence in government, transparency and full participation in the democratic process, we support the following democracy priorities:

- 1. Protect and Enhance Campaign Finance Reform.** Significant changes were made this past session. We must ensure that the positive benefits of reform are secure and that individual rights of expression are protected.
- 2. Enhance Transparency and Accountability in State Government** through Freedom of Information capacity when state contracts are made private.
- 3. Protect Workers' Rights in the Workplace.** Employees must have the right to refuse to attend meetings about politics, religion or labor organizing without fear of retribution. An employee may make attendance mandatory if the meeting deals explicitly with work related issues.
- 4. Expand Voter Rights** by guaranteeing the opportunity to register to vote in all initial applications, renewal of certification, and changes of address that take place by telephone, mail or internet, when citizens are interacting with any public assistance agency.