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Public Service Party Aims to Shake Up Midterm Elections with First-Ever Nationwide Write-in Candidate Campaign

ATLANTA, GEORGIA --- The Public Service Party (PSP) was officially launched today with an ambitious mission: find write-in candidates in every district in every state where Republicans are running unopposed in the midterm elections. PSP is a new party INSIDE the Democratic Party – the progressive organization will give voters in deep red districts someone to vote for. “It’s hard to feel like your vote counts when there’s no one running who reflects your values,” said Public Service Party founder, Clare Schexnyder, “in many red states where there have been long-time incumbents, it’s been 10 to 15 years without a chance to vote for a Democrat. We can’t make change in government if we aren’t challenging these Republican candidates!”

In legislatures nationwide, there are 5,000 seats up for election in November. Thirteen percent of those seats will AUTOMATICALLY go to Republicans because they have no opposition. In Georgia, 77 seats in the house and senate (ONE THIRD OF THE LEGISLATURE) will be won by Republicans because they have no challengers. “We can’t let those seats go without a fight!” said Schexnyder. This is a chance for students, community organizers, concerned citizens and city leaders to run for office without the cost or time associated with today’s extraordinarily expensive political campaigns. It’s exactly 3 months until Election Day – a super short timetable.

The PSP is recruiting members, volunteers and donations via social media. The organization will work in concert with existing liberal and progressive groups to identify candidates and encourage voters to join the “Write-in Revolution.” With only a small organizing team, Schexnyder is determined and optimistic about making an impact in a very short time. The challenge is getting the word out to every potential write-in candidate and every voter who lives in a district where they can run a write-in a candidate. Word-of-mouth, along with the website (www.publicserviceparty.org), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/publicserviceparty/>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/publicserviceparty/>) and Twitter page (<https://twitter.com/PublicSvcParty>) will be the vehicles for raising voters’ awareness of this revolutionary option to “shake up the system” and flip red seats to blue.

About

The Public Service Party is a 527 Non-profit organization created primarily to recruit, support and elect progressive candidates for office, especially in cases where there is an unchallenged Republican in office. The PSP is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

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