



Join the Write-in Revolution!
Public Service Party and College Dems Ask Young People:
Don't Just Register to Vote - RUN FOR OFFICE!

In legislatures nationwide, there are 5,000 seats up for election in November and 13% of those seats will AUTOMATICALLY go to Republicans because they have no opposition.

The Public Service Party and the College Democrats of America have joined together to launch a bold new idea: recruit democratic write-in candidates to run in every district where Republicans have no challengers. Over thirty states have state house and senate races with no democrats on the ticket. The only way to change that is with a “write-in revolution!”

Running write-in candidates is a new way to mobilize and energize voters and give people a reason to go to the polls in their local election. A concerted nationwide write-in campaign has never been tried. It's provocative and disruptive and can get more democrats elected. The Public Service Party (PSP) and College Democrats of America (CDA) are encouraging young people to not only register to vote but to RUN for office in these deep red districts. It's an idea that could easily catch fire and change the course of the midterm elections.

“In some states, you only have to be 18 to run for state house or senate,” said Michael Smith, the National Political Director for College Democrats of America. “People always say young people are the future, but we're really the present, and we need to change the system NOW -- in November -- for our generation!”

“We keep hearing, ‘Go to the polls and vote them out in the midterms’, but it's impossible to vote Republicans out of office when there are no Democrats on the ticket!” said Clare Schexnyder, the founder of the Public Service Party. “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!” 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 71 days til Election Day – a super short timetable.

The PSP is recruiting candidates, members, volunteers and donations online and via social media. The organization will work in concert with existing liberal, democratic 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.

The College Democrats of America is the official student arm of the Democratic National Committee. CDA is dedicated to organizing college students from across the nation in order to encourage and develop the participation of young Americans in the political process and the Democratic Party.

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