

CANDIDATE PLEDGE

I am running as an independent because I believe we need to do something about the partisanship that dominates every aspect of our political process.

The 42% of Americans who identify themselves as political independents are treated as second class citizens. The structure of our electoral system privileges the parties at the expense of the people.

I will use my campaign to promote democracy reforms that give independents the same rights as party members and break the parties' tyranny over our democracy.

I hereby pledge to include in my campaign for public office a platform that includes support for the following:

- 1) Open primaries and nonpartisan elections, which allow unaffiliated voters to participate at every phase of the election process.
- 2) An inclusive independent movement that welcomes voters of every race and ethnicity, from every community and from all walks of life.
- 3) Administration of elections that is nonpartisan, rather than bipartisan, giving independents representation in the agencies that carry out this important function.
- 4) A nonpartisan redistricting process that insures competitive elections and fair treatment of independent voters and candidates.
- 5) Ballot access reform, open debates and other needed reforms that end discrimination against independents, insurgents and minor party candidates.

Name _____

Signature _____

Office Sought _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____