



# [independentvoting.org](http://independentvoting.org) The Hub



**North Carolina Independents (NCI)** continues to grow! They're holding meetings around the state, most recently in Durham and soon in Charlotte. Check out their [newly revamped website](#) for the latest news and [an article by candidate Shawn Eckles](#) about why he's an independent.



In Alabama, a GOP-initiated bill to force partisan registration and close the primaries has been passed out of committee and is now going to the Senate and House for a vote. **Bob Friedman**, founder of Independent Alabama, is not taking this sitting down. He's organizing a grassroots outreach and media campaign to save open primaries. If you'd like to get involved, contact Bob at [bobby3d@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobby3d@bellsouth.net).



Kudos to Evelyn Dougherty of the [Massachusetts Coalition of Independent Voters](#) for her [letter to editor in the Jewish Journal](#), where she talks about the recent National Conference of Independents and plans in Massachusetts to fight for Top Two Open Primaries....a position which recently got editorial support in the [Boston Globe](#).



Last week, the NYC Independence Party--the voice of New York City's one million independent voters--released a comprehensive political reform package to the press -- *The Antidote to Corruption is Democracy*. [Take a look!](#)

[Independent Pennsylvanians](#), with their headquarters in Philadelphia, have launched a new activist hub in Pittsburgh led



by **Brad and Rachel Wilson**. Says organization founder **Jenn Bullock**, "We are attending political events, conducting an open primaries petitioning campaign, and submitting editorials addressing the two-party stranglehold on our political system (Check out this one by activist John Dowlin from Central PA's [Patriot News](#))." To get involved, contact Jenn at [independentpa@gmail.com](mailto:independentpa@gmail.com) or in Pittsburgh, Brad Wilson at [heyMr.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:heyMr.wilson@gmail.com).



**Dialing for Dollars** - On April 24, California's [IndependentVoice.Org](#) kicked off their Spring fundraising drive last week. Director of [IndependentVoice.Org](#) **Jason Olson** and his team are rarin' to go: "There are 3.8 million registered independents in California, and we are committed to finding the grassroots leaders among them. That's how we ensure that California keeps moving in a nonpartisan direction, and that's how we spread Top Two Nonpartisan Primaries across the country." To contribute to the California fundraising campaign, [click here](#).



Jackie Salit's national conference call, **Where Do We Grow From Here: An Independent View**, was a big success! One hundred and fifty two activists from 38 states participated. If you missed the call -- in which Jackie talked about parties' insistence that they control how people participate in the political process -- you can listen to an edited recording by clicking [here](#).



**Sunday, May 5 7pm ET. Spokesperson Training Call.** These teleconference practicums with IndependentVoting.org Director of Communications, Sarah Lyons are a great way to develop your skills in talking to others about the independent movement. [Register for the call here](#).

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