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DEMOCRACY NORTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013

For the Good of the Whole

he North Carolina Constitution boldly declares, "All political power is vested and derived from the people; all government . . . is instituted solely for the good of the whole" (Article I, Section 2). We must not become a state where power is derived from wealth and government serves only the good of the privileged.

Democracy North Carolina is working hard to empower more people as voters and decision-makers, especially those who have been historically shut out. Unfortunately, too many NC political leaders are again preaching a gospel of greed and exclusion, focused on "what's in it for me" rather than the "good of the whole." Their elitist vision violates our constitution, yet it's behind a wave of new laws that

Throughout 2013, Democracy
North Carolina joined our allies in
challenging these attacks on the
public good, while also building multiracial coalitions across the state that
educate, engage and empower.

help the few and harm the many.

Thanks to your great support and active involvement, together we:

- Organized hundreds of people to attend and speak at public hearings against the voting restrictions bill.
- Provided expert testimony, data analysis and factsheets about the "Monster Law" for the media, public and attorneys challenging the law.
- Played an integral part with the NAACP in the Moral Monday/Forward

Together Movement, with speakers at over two dozens rallies, plus media, research, and mobilization support.

- Distributed 425,000 report cards evaluating key votes by NC legislators to educate people in all 100 counties about the actions of state lawmakers.
- Held 27 workshops from August to December to brief over 600 people about the new voting law and direct their anger into local activities.



Democracy NC at the grassroots

- Produced 95,000 Voter Guides for local elections for our coalitions in Charlotte, Greenville, Fayetteville and Greensboro, plus 300,000 "Why Vote" wallet cards for statewide use.
- Made 12,000 calls and sent 8,000 mailers to boost turnout among underrepresented voters in key races, like Wake County's school board election.
- Provided research showing that the same outside groups that financed preparing the new district maps also financed the election of a NC Supreme Court Justice hearing the lawsuit, but our motion to remove him failed.

- Helped defeat bills in the General Assembly to make it very difficult for students to vote in their college towns and for people completing a felony sentence to regain their right to vote.
- Co-led a protracted yet successful grassroots campaign to increase the powers of the Citizens Review Board in Charlotte to handle complaints of improper conduct by the city's police.
- Documented how Art Pope uses earnings from his stores to finance politicians and advocacy that harms the poor people who are his custom
 - ers; then helped organize informational pickets at his Roses and Maxway stores.
 - Held the 14th Democracy Summer program that teaches college students grassroots organizing skills and fosters a lifelong commitment for justice.
 - Analyzed Duke Energy's donations for groups fighting its coal ash and helped train citizens opposing its rate increase.
- Exposed donations of a gambling network to state politicians, triggering an investigation; also filed complaints about unethical conduct that led to a resignation of a top appointed official.
- Pushed DMV and election officials to adopt better rules for getting a free ID and created citizen 'how to' guides.
- Began an expansion plan, adding a training director, researcher, volunteer manager, and field support staff.
- Ended 2013 by launching Operation Jumpstart the Vote, a statewide effort to offset voter suppression with 1,000 local projects to help citizens register, get IDs, and know the new voting law.

Thanks for your great support in 2013!

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