

Helpful Things to Say when Petitioning

Hi, I'm a volunteer with a **non-partisan** group that's trying to get the big money out of politics, because our politicians are spending 40-70% of their time raising money and they're not doing their jobs. Basically, what we've got now is government for sale to the highest bidder. (show them the petition)

All this petition does is request that the City of _____ put this question on the ballot. You're not voting on the issue now, you're just helping to get it on the ballot.

We have to restore our Constitution back to what our Founders intended, before money became speech and corporations and unions made into people. Corporate attorneys and the Supreme Court have hijacked our Constitution. Once we fix the Constitution, then we can pass some reasonable campaign finance laws, so the billionaires can't buy OUR politicians.

96% of Americans are concerned about the corruption in Congress and want something done about it. This has already passed in over 132 communities around the state with overwhelming YES votes up to 91%. It's passed in over 780 communities across the nation, and 19 states have already called for a Constitutional amendment. Once we have 34 states, Congress will jump out in front of the parade and fix this problem.

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Hi, I'm _____. I'm gathering signatures to get a question on the ballot at the next election for the City of _____.

I'm a volunteer with United to Amend. We're a **non-partisan** citizens group. We have a problem with how our politicians are more and more bought and sold. They are owned by the highest bidder. They represent whoever writes the biggest check. And they do not represent *We the People*.

Much of this problem comes from our courts, which have taken power from U.S. and handed it to big money funders.

We would like to ask everyone in _____ two questions:

First, do you agree that things like corporations and unions are not people?

Second, do you agree that money is not the same as speech?

When the courts said money is equal to free speech the rich and corporations started spending billions of dollars to support candidates – and they drown out the people's speech which has undermined our freedoms. Right now, we have a growing problem with bribery, undue influence, conflicts of interest and our politicians no longer represent us.

Will you sign our petition to let the citizens have a voice for reform?

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Question: If I sign this, is my name going to end up on the internet?

Answer: That's really unlikely. This is a non-partisan issue that everyone agrees on. We've done this in many cities across the state. It hasn't been a problem, and it's really unlikely that would happen.

Question: Are you a Democrat or a Republican?

Answer: I'm not a fan of either party. Both parties are content taking these legal bribes.

Question: What kind of campaign funding are you advocating?

Answer: That's something that would be decided after the amendment passes. We could pass legislation for a small donor system or public financing. There's a variety of alternatives. We could even limit the campaign season to say two months, like many other countries. Wouldn't that be great?!