

"People...Not Money."

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Independence from Special Interests

A No PAC Victory



We did it! Jovan Melton, supported by CleanSlateNow.org, is the winner in the HD 41 primary. Melton ran a clean, respectful campaign, without taking any special interest money. He's now the Democratic nominee for his district and will face both a Republican and an Independent challenger in the general election. [The efforts of his campaign and CleanSlateNow.org paid off! >>>](#)

We want to thank everyone who volunteered and contributed to the effort. Our work is not done. Stay tuned to find out what we'll be doing during the general election.

How Big Money Affects Every Issue

Many of you may think money in politics is important but not as important as the issue of [\(fill in the blank\)](#). We had a feeling this was the case, so we did some research. It turns out, most issues that we all care about are negatively affected by special interest money. We can't truly affect change on these issues unless we first get money out of our elections and government.

Learn more and find out [how your issue is affected by big money in politics.>>>](#)

Stigmatize the Money

"Mark Hanna, the senator from Ohio, and William McKinley's campaign manager, once said, 'There are two important things in politics. One of them is money and ... I can't remember what the other one is.'"

Read more of founder, Ken Gordon's, [Op-Ed that was recently printed in truthout.>>>](#)



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Latest News

Montana's Money Saga

Over the past few months, we've covered [Montana's 100 year old campaign finance law](#) that limited special interest money. The Supreme Court has finally had [its say on the state's law>>>](#)

Follow the \$: Out to Pasture

Eighty percent of Americans agree: horses shouldn't be slaughtered. But instead of listening to their constituents, lawmakers opened up horse slaughter in the U.S. and continue to allow horses to be [shipped and slaughtered abroad.>>>](#)

Handy Resource: Vote Smart

Before you vote, you should know a bit about who you're voting (or not voting) for. Take the time to find out who the candidates are and what they stand for. Project Vote Smart lets you search using your address to [find out who's on your ballot.>>>](#)

Happy 4th of July!



This Independence Day, we hope (and are fighting) for our democratic process to one day be independent of big special interest money!