

From: [S Arnz](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: NO to any outside \$\$ for elections
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 5:51:27 PM

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Hello,

I am in complete opposition to having ANY outside money accepted for elections in this city, County and state, for that matter. I understand this will be discussed this evening. Accepting money from outside organizations clearly will not reflect the desires of local citizens and opens the door for corruption with local officials. There is enough distrust for this process already. Please do not add to this by allowing outside monies to flow into our local election process.

Thank you,

Sue Arneson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [tom Beck](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: vote no
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 9:17:11 PM

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Vote no on this,

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City Clerk's Office to participate in the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence, and to accept a \$500,000 grant in 2023 and a \$1,000,000 grant in 2024 from the Center for Tech & Civic Life for planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration infrastructure in City of Madison

Thanks,
Tom
Protect our 1st. & 2nd. Amendment rights
Sent from my iPad

From: [dnharleygrl](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Accepting money from third parties for elections
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:29:10 PM

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Hello,

Elections have become clouded by outside interests and it's become a money game. It is only after an election that illegalities committed are recognized and addressed. I am against accepting money from 3rd parties for elections.

Best regards,

Diane Deane
Madison resident

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [jflint6988](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: 3rd party money
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 8:36:54 AM

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To whom it May Concern:

I would like to let you know that it is unconstitutional to accept 3rd party money to run our elections. Madison has a very bad reputation for election integrity. I would think you, as hard working, caring Americans who swore on the Bible, and took an oath to up hold all the laws of Wisconsin, wouldn't want our elections tainted. If you accept the 3rd party money YOU will have long term bad effects on the Madison area as well as all of Wisconsin.

Do you really want to have this on your conscience?

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Flint
Middleton

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Robert Hall](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Election grants
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 9:30:07 AM

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My wife Bonnie & I are Madison voters and we urge the council to vote NO on accepting election grants.

Robert & Bonnie Hall

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If you do not wish to receive my emails, let me know at tartanmarine@gmail.com and I'll remove you from my lists.

Author: *Quotes for the Conservative Heart: Ideas as Weapons of Defense*

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Robert A. Hall
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Books by Robert A. Hall:

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"I have only two men out of my company and 20 out of some other company. We need support, but it is almost suicide to try to get it here as we are swept by machine gun fire and a constant barrage is on us. I have no one on my left and only a few on my right. I will hold." --1st. Lt. Clifton B. Cates, Navy Cross, 2 Distinguished Service Crosses, (later Commandant), USMC, July 19, 1918 commanding 96 Company, 6th Marines, near the French town of Soissons.

"Casualties: many, Percentage of dead: not known, Combat efficiency: we are winning." --Colonel David M. Shoup, USMC, MOH, (later Commandant) Tarawa, 21 November 1943.

Freedom is not free, but the U.S. Marine Corps will pay most of your share. --Captain J.E. "Ned" Dolan, USMC (Ret.) Platoon Leader E/2/7, Korean War
We fight not for glory, nor for riches, nor for honour, but only and alone for Freedom, which no good man lays down but with his life. --Declaration of Arbroath, Scotland, 1320

Athens had reached the point of rejecting independence, and the freedom she now wanted was freedom from responsibility. There could be only one result... If men insisted on being free from the burden of a life that was self-dependent and also responsible for the common good, they would cease to be free at all. Responsibility was the price every man must pay for freedom. It was to be had on no other terms. -- Edith Hamilton, "The Echo of Greece"

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else. -Frederic Bastiat, French Economist (1801-1850)

From: [Bonnie Held](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: CTCL
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 6:03:54 PM

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Dear City Council

I am totally against excepting any outside money to run elections, Please reject item #51 on tonight's agenda.

Bonnie Held

From: [Michele Helland](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 9:20:16 PM

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I oppose the following

Authorizing the City Clerk's Office to participate in the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence, and to accept a \$500,000 grant in 2023 and a \$1,000,000 grant in 2024 from the Center for Tech & Civic Life for planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration infrastructure in City of Madison. Additionally, accepting a \$4,800 membership grant in 2023 and again in 2024. Amending the 2023 Adopted Operating Budget to increase the Clerk's Office supplies budget by \$500,000 and services budget by \$4,800.

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: leahknope@gmail.com
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Election integrity
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:15:23 PM

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Hello

Please, please...do the right thing and do not let the all- mighty dollar ruin our election integrity.

We have seen first hand what 3rd party political money does when poured into the election process. It is wrong and invites corruption at all levels.

We the people are guaranteed life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The United States was born out of an honest vote. We the people deserve to know that our vote counts.

Please do not introduce corruption money into our election system.

Thank you

Leah Knope

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laura Kocum](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Opposing item 51
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 5:54:35 PM

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*Hello-
I'm writing as a Madison resident and voter.*

I am opposed agenda item 51.

I do not support the city accepting any third party money for elections. We are capable of having a safe and fair election without accepting money and resources from outside entities.

In a time when the integrity of elections is persistently questioned, I ask you to avoid accusations and scrutiny by keeping all outside organizations away from Madison and Dane County.

*Sincerely,
Laura Kocum
7142 Turnberry Road
Madison, WI 53719*

Item 51:

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: ypacker4@gmail.com
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: 3rd party money
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 5:55:09 PM

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I am not in favor of Madison accepting any third party monies for any type of election or candidate benefit.

Yvonne McGuire

7206 East Pass

Madison, Wi

Sent from my iPhone

From: [susan susan](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Item 51 Agenda
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 12:32:26 AM

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Vote Against Item 51 as a waste of taxpayer money. I only heard that this was up for debate very late Tuesday after the debate had likely already occurred. However, I do not know the status of if a vote occurred.

Stop wasting precious taxpayer resources on millions of dollars on George Orwellian solutions for safe and secure elections that keep removing the processes further and further from verification of actual reality of safe and secure elections. This is ridiculous, but this happens.

The technology is not 100% transparent in the tabulators and in the voting machines. It never will be completely transparent to the extent it contains proprietary software with unreadable code. Worse yet, the State law, apparently with good intentions but unanticipated possibilities, prohibits anyone, including irrationally prohibiting Election Clerks responsible for the safety and security of elections, from examining independently these computer coding characteristics and functions within the voting system. This prohibition itself introduces the lack of safety and security into the voting system.

It is irrational to the extent it prohibits Election Clerks in a way contradicting and conflicting with their oath and sworn responsibility to be able to guarantee each election safe and secure. This is insanity. An election can not be safe and secure when any non-transparency whatsoever exists within that election system that cannot be fully inspected from every direction for all of its functions. Election systems using any proprietary software code cannot be safe and secure by definitions. Yet, Election Clerks remain responsible to make them safe and secure. This is the height of ridiculousness.

The blame for that ridiculousness is easily pinned upon those who push now, as well as those who pushed in the past, for adapting developing technologies to voting systems prematurely without fully considering that the all-important top priority need for complete transparency to be safe and secure should never be traded for ease and convenience, which now contains the distinct possibility of disenfranchising cast votes in a new way.

At the very least, the cast ballot data has great potential to be used as intel for the possibility of ballot fraud being injected into the system

combined with any capability for computer activation of the voter rolls.

This is precisely the reason that the voter rolls must not contain historical records and unqualified voters at wrong addresses, deceased, moved out of State, or whatever other distortions exist in voter rolls with more than double the actual number of registered qualified voters.

By the way, get out of the ERIC system immediately. The ERIC system has failed when it has allowed over twice the number of qualified voters to be on the voter rolls. Deceased persons are named in the voter rolls, often at many addresses, sometimes including at the address where they last lived prior to death in the same County which registered their death in its Vital Statistics. This is a very incompetent way to keep voter rolls, and it is time to stop wasting taxpayer money in this way where dead people have the potential to rise up from these voter rolls in various fraud manipulations.

I have been diligent using my franchise to cast a ballot in nearly every election since I became qualified to vote. When I moved, I was also diligent in reporting my old address to get my name removed. If the voter rolls actually maintained the historical record, then my name would be shown as a moved voter from my past addresses, but it does not. This is inconsistent with claims that the reason for these excess names in the voter rolls is from using the voter rolls as the historical record. It is inconsistent to keep some voters on the voter rolls for historical purposes and to remove others who are not kept on the voter rolls for historical purposes. This is an excuse for incompetence at best and perhaps an excuse for something worse by those in charge of the voter roll updates. Discontinue the contract with the ERIC Mover updates which appears to me to be the cause of these inconsistencies that at best can be referred to as professional incompetence.

Stop using equipment costing millions and millions of wasted dollars to create a non-transparent voting system where the cast ballot voting data goes into a black box to be subjected to code that not a single person representing the voters' interests in Wisconsin can examine the code. It is not enough that a photograph of the ballot is taken inside the tabulator, as allegedly it has happened in other States that fraud can happen inside the chain-of-command when the same ballots are recycled through the tabulator more than one time, removing the Constitutional guarantee that must be legally enforced for one person, one ballot. Such possibilities are the Election Clerk's job to prevent, but the Election Clerk has been put in a position to be damned regardless of outcome under this faulty system because she has taken on an oath

to protect safety and security of an election system that has had improper components added into that system which make 100% transparency of all functions of that election system impossible to detect, impossible to explore.

It is foolish and ridiculous for a State law to exist that says nobody can open the proprietary software for a complete and thorough examination by forensic experts under the direction of a responsible Election Clerk by using third party examination and testing protocols in order to determine if in any way that hidden non-transparent codes create unnatural algorithms with the cast votes that distorts the outcome. If or when the software code are misrepresented on the manufacturing side at any stage in any way with or without knowledge of management, which is always a possibility when one person or a small number of persons are completely in control of creating and testing coding, then it is ridiculous for the State or for County or for the City or for any political division down to the smallest precinct and ward level to be using non-transparent proprietary computer code for something as important as our voting. To the extent there is no way for the Clerk to certify that nothing antiConstitutional in terms of the public's right to 100% full transparency of our voting systems, that is the extent to which continued use of proprietary computer code is illegal and against the Constitutional principles of one person, one ballot. Indeed, one person, one ballot must be the reality, not the illusion of reality.

The reality of a safe and secure election can only exist to the extent that no proprietary code blocks the ability of the public and/or of the Election Clerk to inspect reality 100%, which is not possible with proprietary code hidden inside a black box and prohibited by State Law from forensic examination in this nonsensical way. At the very least, illegal transmissions unverified by the public and perhaps permitted by a Clerk's distortions and non-verification of the system's full functions provides intel involving the numbers of catch-up votes needed at certain time and data points. This is also the equivalent of candidates hanging around to surveil which isn't supposed to be done in Wisconsin, but that doesn't stop members of the candidate's team doing that. While I agree that should be unacceptable, the intel that the tabulator possibly provides in illegal transmissions is oddly programmed into it by the proprietary manufacturer who should not know information regarding "the teams" working on election. This superficial excuse does not wash. Instead, I believe this is a red flag indicator.

Please vote against:

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Sincerely,

Susan Michetti, Political Scientist

From: [Jj Murp](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Opposition record
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 11:37:30 PM

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Regarding Item 51
Register opposition because of reasearch about ctcl

The special counsel report, which calls these cities “The Zuckerberg 5,” notes that each municipality “entered into an agreement with [the] Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL)” to “[take] CTCL’s money to facilitate in-person and absentee voting within their respective city,” constituting election bribery “because the participating cities and public officials received private money to facilitate in-person or absentee voting within such a city.” It continues: ^[97]

Wis. Stat. § 12.11, in relevant part, prohibits a city from receiving money to facilitate electors going to the polls or to facilitate electors to voting by absentee ballot:

Election bribery

(1) In this section, “anything of value” includes any amount of money, or any object which has utility independent of any political message it contains and the value of which exceeds \$1...

(1m) Any person who does any of the following violates this chapter:

1. Offers, gives, lends or promises to give or lend, or endeavors to procure, anything of value, or any office or employment or any privilege or immunity to, or for, any elector, or to or for any other person, in order to induce any elector to:

1. Go to ... the polls.

2. Vote.... [emphasis added in report]

The court concluded that, “the State . . . has stated a cause of action to protect an interest of the state by preventing the funding of elections with private money,” and reversed and remanded the earlier decision. The court added: “Whether the defendants here may be well-intentioned, private money in any amount, but particularly the amount of money offered by the defendants to select clerks and/or registrars, has an inherently insidious and corrupting effect.” ^[74]

After the appeals court reinstated the Attorney General’s lawsuit, CTCL, New

Venture Fund, and Full Circle Strategies again sought a dismissal of the case, requesting that the state Supreme Court review the appeals court decision. On June 28, 2022, the Louisiana Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Attorney General in a 4-3 decision, allowing the lawsuit to proceed. Speaking about the decision, Erick Kaaral, special counsel of the right-of-center Thomas More Society which has advocated extensively against CTCL funding and “zuckbucks” said, “I’m optimistic that Louisiana courts will find that the CTCL intervention is not legally authorized,” and that “... Our election system was ambushed by billionaires, and they’ve had a huge influence.”

From: [Norona, Michael](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 51 - vote NO
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:20:39 PM

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thank you,
Michael Norona
10820 Howard Trail
Mazomanie, WI 53560

From: [Dianne Paul](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Agenda item #51
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 5:14:23 PM

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Please vote against accepting this money. Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: stimmerman@charter.net
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Opinion on Zuckerbuck \$\$\$\$
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 5:43:37 PM

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I would like to register a negative opinion on accepting (or even applying for) the 1.5 million from the Zuckerberg organization.

I think we have suffered thru enough in re to this type of money effecting our elections.

The fix for election fraud is to totally vet anyone connected to election work and hold everyone accountable for their actions.

Thank you
Su Timmerman
608-513-8675

From: [Sherrie Volbrecht](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Outside Influences
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 6:48:31 PM

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A hard NO from this household!

The Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) is a Chicago, Illinois-based center-left election reform advocacy group formed in 2012. The organization pushes for left-of-center voting policies and election administration. It has a wide reach into local elections offices across the nation and is funded by many left-of-center funding organizations such as the [Skoll Foundation](#), the [Democracy Fund](#), the [John S. and James L. Knight Foundation](#), and the [Rockefeller Brothers Fund](#). ^[1] ^[2]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michael Wilson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Proven Voter Fraud in Madison
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 6:08:43 AM

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To who it may concern:

Again, we have Socialist with their hands out to Global forces trying to warp the way of life in this country. The fact that pretty much all of the top cities involved in this "Call to Socialist Excellence" are in Blue States and seem to be targeting Democratic Socialist's needs. The City of Madison and in fact Wisconsin in general doesn't need any money for elections. We simply need Socialists to stop voter fraud perpetrated by themselves. As witnessed in 2020 when Biden came on television two days before the election telling people to drop off votes in Madison Parks contrary to Wisconsin Voter Law. Votes were dropped off and contained in open boxes, at which point a single driver would drive away with them by themselves. Again, contrary to Wisconsin Law.

Let's not forget the 5 cities Facebook's Zuckerberg sent money to in an attempt to get out only Democratic Socialist votes. If you want Voter integrity then stop criminal activities like Zuckerberg's \$380,000,000.00 gift to Socialists in 2020? This coupled with voter suppression which has now factually been proven, should be abhorred by all. Then make voting in person with an I.D. only except in specific cases. Also you could stop taking Soros' 100s of millions of dollars each year to undermine our Constitution. There were 1400+ cases of Voter Fraud in 2020 which resulted in 1200+ convictions. So please don't pretend it didn't happen. I witnessed it here in Madison, WI at the parks first hand.

There, that should give you enough to work on for awhile. See if you can get it done by November 2024. We'll be watching.

Mike Wilson