
COME CLEAN FLORIDA

Bringing Transparency to the Voters of Florida

Elimination of Leadership Funds

Leaders raise unlimited sums of money through Affiliated Party Committees, taking in unlimited individual contributions. These funds are then used in conjunction with other funds raised by the parties to influence, if not dictate, the outcome of House or Senate primary contests.

Prohibit Legislators from Controlling Funds

Campaign finance reforms enacted during the 2013 legislative session have done nothing to weaken the influence of special interest money over the legislative process. The legislation amended the statute to allow unlimited contributions to any Political Committee. The more things change, the more they remain the same.

Prohibit Contributions Between Committees

Currently these unlimited contributions between the Parties, PCs and ECOs serve to obscure the actual source of the funds being used by these various entities. Money is moved between these entities in a way that the public would never know who made the original contributions.

Expense Disclosures

Require Political Committees and ECOs to disclose the candidate beneficiaries of all expenditures on their expenditure reports.



Vision and Mission

Through our "Come Clean Florida" campaign, we will seek to put an end to the "legal laundering" of millions of dollars in special interest campaign contributions through political committees controlled by legislative leaders, as well as through the Republican and Democrat parties of Florida.

We believe a healthier balance of power needs to be restored between legislative leadership and the members. More importantly, the balance of power needs to be restored between the government in general and the people of Florida.

This is not a Republican or Democrat issue. This is not about conservative, liberal, progressive or libertarian political philosophy. This is about transparency and accountability. This is about honesty and integrity in the political process. The "legal laundering" of campaign contributions and special interest money must end. State parties need to stay out of local primaries. We the People have had enough!





The Law of Campaigning

Florida Statutes Chapter 106 “Campaign Financing” allows for the following committees to exist for the purpose of influencing elections in Florida: Political Committees, Affiliated Party Committees, and Electioneering Communications Organizations. These committees can accept unlimited contributions and make unlimited expenditures either on behalf of candidates or in opposition to candidates. They can communicate directly with candidates and their staffs and coordinate on fund raising and advertising. They can all make unlimited contributions to each other and to political parties. When making an expenditure they only have to disclose the entity or company receiving the funds. They do not have to disclose on which candidates behalf or for what purpose their expenditures are being made.

What has happened?

- Corruption in politics is nothing new. Corruption in politics, institutionalized in Florida Statute, is unacceptable and must not be tolerated.
- The people of Florida have lost their voice in the Florida legislature. It’s been drowned out by millions of dollars in special interest campaign contributions being “legally laundered” through myriad political committees, PACs, electioneering communications organizations and political parties.
- Millions and Millions of dollars in expenditures with no meaningful disclosure. Only the media company, printer or consultant is disclosed. Not what the money was spent for, or on which politician’s behalf the money was spent.
- Zero accountability, zero transparency. That’s the way the campaign finance game gets played in Florida.
- Limits on contributions to candidate’s campaigns are meaningless when candidates can create so called independent political committees that can accept unlimited special interest contributions.
- There’s a new ruling class that’s been created in Tallahassee consisting of the Governor, the Senate President and President Elect, the House Speaker and the Speaker Designate. And they frankly don’t care what you think. They’re too busy legislating favors for the special interests that are pumping millions into their political committees to take time to listen to you. And when they’re not legislating favors, they’re thinking of new ways to manipulate these same special interests into pouring in millions more.
- Legislative leadership on both sides of the aisle are working with the two major political parties to control the outcome of local primary elections. Control the primaries and you control the legislature. It’s that simple.

