Democracy Wins Big in 2018 Midterms!

Citizens in 9 states step up to unrig the rules...

✓ Colorado and Michigan establish independent redistricting commissions to overcome gerrymandering.
✓ Missouri transfers responsibility for drafting district lines to a new position of state demographer for approval by existing legislative commission & tightens rules on campaign finance and lobbying.
✓ Utah passes a bipartisan advisory commission to reign in redistricting manipulation.
✓ Florida restores voting rights to 1.4 million citizens who have committed a felony and completed their sentence.
✓ Florida votes to bar public officials from lobbying both during their terms and for six years following, and to restrict current public officers from using their office for personal gain.
✓ Maryland approves same-day voter registration.
✓ Michigan passes straight-ticket voting, Automatic Voter Registration, same-day registration, and early voting with “no-excuse.”
✓ Nevada passes Automatic Voter Registration.
✓ New Mexico passes a constitutional amendment to create an Independent Ethics Commission.
✓ North Dakota passes rules to increase accountability, root out conflicts of interest, restrict lobbyist gifts, tighten campaign-finance laws transparency, and more.

Citizens in 8 cities and 1 county pass pro-democracy measures...

✓ Baltimore and Denver create small-donor matching fund programs for qualifying candidates.
✓ Fargo adopts Approval Voting for municipal elections whereby voters approve as many candidates as they wish and the candidate with most approval wins.
✓ Long Beach and Santa Barbara County create independent redistricting commissions to draw municipal districts.
✓ Memphis votes to keep Ranked Choice Voting for municipal elections.
✓ New York strengthens its public finance matching system by raising its public match from 6 to 1 to 8 to 1 and lowered the maximum contribution a donor can make to a campaign.
✓ Phoenix passes a requirement that individuals and organizations disclose donations of more than $1,000.
✓ Portland, OR sets new limits on campaign contributions and independent expenditures.

Note: Most passed by more than 60%. This list doesn’t include numerous democracy advisory resolutions.