

CHOOSING WHERE TO GIVE

A decision guide for supporting democracy organizations and candidates

Examples of organizations that meet the criteria described here can be found at <https://indivisiblepv.info/donate/>

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1. QUICK SCREENING CHECKLIST

QUESTION	YES	NO / CHECK
Is the mission or platform clearly stated?	☐	☐
Does it support democratic norms, fair elections and the rule of law?	☐	☐
Are goals specific and measurable?	☐	☐
Can you identify recent, verifiable accomplishments?	☐	☐
Are leadership and key affiliations disclosed?	☐	☐
Is financial or campaign-disclosure information available?	☐	☐
Does it communicate truthfully and respectfully?	☐	☐
Would you be comfortable explaining your support publicly?	☐	☐

2. EVALUATING ORGANIZATIONS

FACTOR	WHAT TO LOOK FOR
Impact	Evidence of results, not only promotion
Transparency	Nonviolent with public leadership, finances and reports
Strategy	A credible plan connecting activities to goals
Efficiency	Resources reasonably directed to mission
Credibility	Reliable record and trustworthy partners
Alignment	A close fit with your values and priorities
Collaboration	Productive work with other groups
Accountability	Acknowledges mistakes and improves

3. EVALUATING CANDIDATES OR INDIVIDUALS

CRITERION	1	2	3	4	5
Defends democratic institutions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Respects lawful election results	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Supports the rule of law	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Communicates honestly	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Works constructively across differences	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Demonstrates integrity and competence	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Aligns with issues important to me	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

4. MATCH THE GIFT TO THE DESIRED IMPACT

TYPE OF SUPPORT	POSSIBLE PURPOSE
Local organizations	Community needs and local accountability
Statewide organizations	State policy, voting access and elections
National organizations	Broad coordination, litigation or advocacy
Election protection	Fair and accessible election processes
Voter outreach	Registration, information and participation
Civic education	Long-term democratic knowledge and habits
Investigative journalism	Independent reporting and accountability
Legal advocacy	Defense of rights and institutions

5. FINAL DECISION

VALUES	EFFECTIVENESS	GENUINE NEED
Does it match what matters to me?	Is there credible evidence it can help?	Will added support be useful now?

Strong choices sit at the intersection of your values, demonstrated effectiveness and genuine need.

Before giving, verify the recipient and payment destination. Political contributions and charitable gifts follow different rules. This worksheet is for personal decision-making, not legal, tax or financial advice.