

Campaign Finance and Election Reform

- The single most important item of election reform is the implementation of Instant-Run-Off voting, assuring a place for multiple parties in our electoral process.
- Campaign reporting has focused on how much money it will take to win the election. Winning shouldn't be all about money. Elections should not be bought and sold to the highest bidder, and the ability to raise money from special interests should not be the criterion upon which elections are won. To assure that campaigns are conducted on a monetarily level playing field, I would propose several strategies. One might be that none of the candidates would be allowed to outspend any of the other candidates. Another would be strict, but low, campaign limits.
- For those who say that any attempt to limit campaign contributions and spending will just lead to more deceit and cheating, and violate the freedom of speech, let me suggest an alternative, that campaigns be allowed to raise as much as they want, and any way they want, as long as every dollar earned is divided equally amongst all of the candidates for a particular office. This would level the playing field and eliminate the influence of special interests, while insuring that campaigns could not be bought, yet allow all opponents to raise as much from special interests as desired.