



A Message from Board Chair Krist Novoselic & Executive Director Rob Richie

June 15, 2009

Thank you for your interest in FairVote!

We believe the coming years offer great opportunities to advance FairVote's reform vision. We want to ask for your help in seizing this moment. **This month only**, your donation will count double because FairVote's dedicated board members have committed to match all gifts and pledges from new donors, **dollar for dollar**.

Our staff and volunteers have been as busy as ever working for change. This year new legislation is moving, new charter commissions are proposing our reforms, new communities are using instant runoff voting, and new writings and research have strengthened the case for transforming elections.

At the same time, we've made important internal changes to strengthen FairVote. The pinnacle of our efforts will be a redesigned website to be unveiled this August. The new site represents a leap in showcasing the *way democracy will be*, why change is needed and how supporters can get involved. Partnering with our donors, our board wants to ensure that our new site is coupled with broader and better outreach, new cutting-edge research and ongoing strategic action to turn ideas into reality.

The time is right for us to redouble our efforts. FairVote works collaboratively with groups and individuals from across the spectrum, but is uncompromising in our pursuit of a more representative democracy. Our vision of fair access to participation, fair elections and fair representation is grounded in respect for every vote and every voice. Our future depends on all Americans harnessing our democracy's potential to address today's pressing challenges.

Changes in America's elections are overdue. Historically, major reforms in elections and voting rights have come in half-century waves – after the Civil War, at the time of World War I and in the 1960s. We seek to trigger and guide a new wave of democratic expansion. The arc of history may bend towards democracy, but it needs a nudge from FairVote – and all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Rob Richie.

Rob Richie
Executive Director

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Krist Novoselic
Board Chair

P.S. Be sure to contact us if you are interested in getting involved in our efforts or have suggestions for us. And as a reminder, this month only, all new donations will count double!

