

FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

501(c)(3)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHO WE ARE



Defending the Free Speech Rights of the Silenced

Founded in early 2020 by Greg Hyver, the **First Amendment Rights Preservation Society, Inc.**, or FARPS, is a nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Santa Cruz, California, that is committed to defending the spirit and laws that protect our most sacred right: the right to free speech. We are an organization of patriotic activists who use tools of activism to educate the public and advocate against those who abuse the freedom of speech rights of the weak and powerless. Our focus is on finding ways to remove speech barriers set up by local, state, national (and international) governmental entities to enable the oppressed to have an equal voice in the public forum.

WHAT WE DO

- * educating the public on its 1st amendment rights
- * auditing government and corporate entities for speech discrimination
- * protesting censorship practices in order to terminate them
- * advocating for political candidates who support free speech policies
- * re-shaping local government processes to better enable individual voices to be heard and acted upon
- * forming or partnering with technology companies to advance free speech opportunities
- * initiating pilot studies with municipalities to strengthen inclusion and retention of residents in the policy dialogue
- * providing outreach to the downtrodden of the community



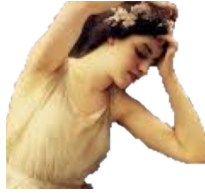
THE E-DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE



Bringing Power Back to the People

Headquartered in Santa Cruz, California, the **E-Democracy Institute** is a political research and policy think tank whose primary purpose is to develop and advance E-Democracy technologies and direct democratic systems for the purpose of decentralizing collectivist power structures and redistributing this misused "power of the few" back into the hands of individuals to ensure that the "will of the people" steers our local institutions. Our raison d'être lies in our foundational belief that our representative form of government is in a pervasive state of decay driven by the self-interests of political operatives and the plethora of special interest groups that have turned politicians into multi-millionaires and corporate CEO's into billionaires by rigging the system in their favor. The E-Democracy Institute is the vanguard of the new age of **Digital Populism** that advocates for the use of technological solutions to rempower the voices of ordinary citizens in local policy dialogues.

TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS AND INNOVATION



Making Democracies More Democratic!

Founded in 2023, **Democratic Software Solutions LLC**, or DSS, is a commercial spinoff of First Amendment Rights Preservation Society, Inc. and was the brainchild of the **E-Democracy Institute** think tank in 2022. DSS was not tasked to produce another social media platform, but to create an advanced, data-driven, consensus-modeling tool to give ordinary community members a genuine voice in how decisions are made for their local communities--decisions routinely dictated to them by powerful, well-organized and hyper-funded political machines and their special interest partners, transforming our cities into their visions, not those of the residents. The result--a web-based tool called **ECHO**, paired with the proprietary **E-Democracy™** software engine, that deploys timely, concise, transparent and invaluable data messaging between resident and representative. Echo is a transformative, game-changing solution that makes "getting involved" in community politics "no longer a chore"--a place where free speech rights are tantamount to ensure a fairer and more pluralistic local government institution. In 2025, FARPS will pursue grant funding to run several pilot studies in local communities to determine the effectiveness of the ECHO software for advancing greater inclusion and retention of resident voices in the policy dialogue.

THE BENEVOLENT BEAN PROGRAM



Fusing Warm Beverages with Community Bridging to Deliver "Kindness-in-a-Cup" to the Santa Cruz Homeless Community

The Benevolent Bean is a charitable program designed to reduce some of the hardship that bears upon a homeless person each day. The Bean Mobile is an electric vehicle (aka "food truck") that circulates into areas with manageable concentrations of poorly-sheltered, homeless individuals lacking proximity to equivalent services (e.g. nearby food distribution centers). The program delivers free, warm beverages (coffee, tea), from 8:00am – 10:00am each day. Its driver is responsible for navigating the Bean Mobile into homeless areas (targets) and serving the beverages to homeless patrons. The program is 100%-reliant on tax-deductible contributions from its donors. The Benevolent Bean program is still in its funding stage.



THE ARSENAL RESOURCE CENTER

Resources to Safeguard Our Free Speech Rights

The ARSENAL provides various activist tools used by FARPS members shown to be effective in advocating for our 1st Amendment rights. Smart activists are educated activists and the ARSENAL provides educational resources for young and old to equip themselves with the most powerful tool of all--knowledge. As we begin to grow our organization, we will begin adding to the ARSENAL more material member resources in support of your community, including our world famous activist store known as the "Free Speech Depot," with apparel, stickers, buttons, signs, music and other appendages to bring out the dormant activist inside of you. We also work with artists in our local tattoo community to create our collection of temporary, peel-off tattoos that will certainly keep your parents up at night. Please join us on our mailing list to keep up-to-date on the store's opening. Of course, all of our products are 100% made in America, as they should be. :)

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