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From time to time, Three Parks introduces resolutions to enable the club to work formally on various issues, for example, health care/single payer, Social Security, fracking, and Indian Point. Below for consideration by the membership is a proposed resolution supporting public financing of elections. It will be read, discussed, and voted on at the February 8th club meeting.

WHEREAS campaign finance reform, including public financing of elections, is the single most important step to upend the perception of “pay-to-play” culture in Albany and Washington, D.C. and to promote greater transparency, competition, and accountability in government,

WHEREAS New York could be an example for the nation of how to revitalize democracy at all levels of government,

WHEREAS after *Citizens United*, which should certainly be overruled, we face an era of unlimited and increasingly secret spending on elections, and

WHEREAS public financing enables candidates to run competitive campaigns while relying on a base of small donors back home, rather than on a small number of wealthy contributors, and will promote accountability and diversity in New York’s and Washington, D.C.’s governance while revitalizing our participatory democracy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Three Parks Independent Democrats calls on Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to create a robust public financing program for New York State and urges our federally elected officials to do the same for Washington, D.C.