
City of Albany
Common Council
Resolution

Council Members Fahey, Flynn, Doesschate, Farrell, and Hoey introduced the following, which was approved:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 65.71.21R (MC)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENACTMENT OF FOR THE PEOPLE ACT, S1 IN THE SENATE

WHEREAS, the right to vote is one of the foundational rights of all American citizens; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Lewis spent his life fighting against hate, bigotry, and equal opportunity at the voting booth inside and outside of Congress to advance voting rights for everyone; and

WHEREAS, voting rights are under attack nationally by state legislators introducing and passing laws to create barriers to our participation in elections; and

WHEREAS, popular sovereignty through voting is a foundational bedrock of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is under attack nationally by state legislators introducing and passing laws to create barriers to our participation in elections; and

WHEREAS, The For the People Act is a transformative, comprehensive bill addressing voting rights and election administration, money-in-politics, redistricting, government transparency and ethics; and

WHEREAS, The For the People Act will provide a needed overhaul of money-in-politics, voting and ethics laws to make our democracy more inclusive; and

WHEREAS, The For the People Act is based on countless democracy reforms passed and successfully implemented in states across the country; and

WHEREAS, The For the People Act's solutions are broadly supported by the American people across the political spectrum with polling indicating 67% of Americans--including 56% of Republican voters and 68% of Independent voters--support The For the People Act; and

WHEREAS, The For the People Act is the most comprehensive pro-democracy bill introduced in Congress since the Watergate era, containing the bold action that the American people want and deserve; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany calls on New York's United State Senators, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, to do everything possible to support and pass S1, The For the People Act before the 2021 Senate summer recess.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage, duly inscribed copies of said resolution be sent to Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand.



I, Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk of the City of Albany, do hereby certify that the resolution set forth in this document is true and accurate and was adopted at a meeting of the Albany Common Council on 19th day of July 2021.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Albany, this 20th day of June 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle Gillespie".

Clerk of the Common Council
