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The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

Presidential Policy Proposal: The People's Constitutional Empowerment Fund

Policy Title: The People's Constitutional Empowerment Fund (PCEF) Lead Sponsor: Vincent Cordova, Presidential Candidate

Category: Democracy Reform, State Empowerment, Structural Integrity

Executive Summary

The People's Constitutional Empowerment Fund (PCEF) is a federally-backed initiative to provide financial, legal, and organizational support to each U.S. state wishing to audit, revise, or rewrite its constitution through a citizen-led process. It restores democratic agency, curbs corporate influence, and ensures future generations inherit a government designed for the 21st century.

Problem Statement

Many state constitutions are outdated, undemocratic, and heavily influenced by special interests. Institutions like public utility commissions, legislative rules, and corporate protections are often insulated from public accountability. The same applies at the federal level, where structural reforms have been stifled by concentrated wealth and political gridlock.

Too many Americans live under systems they had no hand in creating and no clear way to change. Democracy cannot thrive when its rules are frozen in time. It must be allowed to evolve.



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Policy Objectives

1. **Empower citizens** in every state to revisit and revise their constitutions.
2. **Remove corporate influence** from foundational governance structures.
3. **Create a national precedent** for democratic renewal through peaceful, citizen-led conventions.
4. **Offer states financial and legal support** without interfering with local autonomy.
5. **Encourage federal-level constitutional examination** through a public model.

Policy Components

1. The Constitutional Empowerment Fund

- An annual federal fund (initially \$2B) available to states that commit to:
 - Convening citizen-led constitutional conventions or charter audits.
 - Guaranteeing transparency, inclusion, and public participation.
 - Protecting civil rights and democratic principles in any proposed draft.

2. State Participation Requirements

- States must:
 - Establish a citizen-elected constitutional review board.
 - Prohibit donations or lobbying from private entities during the process.
 - Provide digital and physical access for public feedback.
 - Allow initiative-based recall or amendment of commission members.

3. People's Convention Toolkit

- The federal government will offer:
 - Legal templates for conventions, recalls, and referenda.
 - Technical infrastructure for online civic engagement.
 - Grant-writing and logistics assistance for low-income communities.

4. Local Utility and Oversight Reform Support

- States may apply PCEF funds to:
 - Replace corrupt or captured institutions like Public Utility Commissions.
 - Transition utility systems to nonprofit or publicly accountable models.



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- Draft strong protections for future generations (e.g. clean air, water, energy, and data rights).

5. Federal Accountability Clause

- The federal government shall not override any new state constitutional model unless it violates universal human rights, equal protection, or the U.S. Constitution.

Federal Application

Once a threshold of 20 or more states has initiated reforms under PCEF, a national working group shall be convened to explore:


- A Federal People's Convention
- Structural reforms to campaign finance, lobbying laws, and corporate personhood
- A national bill of economic rights for future generations

Oversight and Implementation

- Administered by a new **Office for Democratic Renewal** under the Department of Justice or a bipartisan independent body.
- Annual reporting to Congress and the public on impact, participation, and reforms adopted.
- Funding renewed every 5 years with congressional approval.
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Why It Matters: What Happens If We Don't Act

If we fail to act now, future generations will inherit a nation where every element of life has been commodified and corrupted:

 **Every Aspect of Life Is Monetized**



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- Housing will be owned by private equity.
- Healthcare will remain unaffordable or denied.
- Education will be tied to debt, not empowerment.

A Housing Market Without Humans

- Homes will be held by corporate portfolios, not families.
- Ownership will be out of reach for millions.

Utilities Run Like Luxury Goods

- Solar customers will continue to be punished.
- Energy access will depend on income, not need.

Government That Doesn't Need You

- Elections will be influenced by money, not voters.
- Appointed commissions will rule without transparency.

Children Born Into a Rigged System

- The American Dream will exist only in history books.
- Hard work will lead to burnout, not opportunity.

And eventually, society will fracture from within. Not in one dramatic collapse, but through widespread disengagement, distrust, and decline.

Conclusion

The People's Constitutional Empowerment Fund is not just a policy—it is an invitation to reclaim the American promise. Through peaceful reform, citizen assemblies, and empowered communities, we can redesign our democracy to reflect the values, dreams, and realities of today's America.



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Power to the People. Constitution by the People. America for the People.

Signed,

Vincent Cordova
President of the United States