OPEN PRIMARIES EMPOWER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

- Black and Latino voters are going independent...and millions of independents are shut out of primary elections
- 27 million independent voters will be barred from the 2020 presidential primaries including millions of African-American and Latino voters

“Those excluded by two party control of elections are not a minority but the diverse majority of Americans which includes millions of people of color. Opening the primaries and independent redistricting are key to true enfranchisement for all those who have been marginalized in America because these reforms give all voters equal voting rights and the actual freedom to vote for who they choose rather than for who the party dictates.”

Dr. Jessie Fields, Open Primaries Spokesperson

“...voter suppression tactics aimed at Latinos that make voting inconvenient or confusing, or identification requirements that create unnecessary hurdles in the name of preventing fabricated concerns over voter fraud. But these barriers, while serious, pale compared to the impact closed, partisan primaries are having on Latino political participation.”

Danny Ortega, Open Primaries Spokesperson and former Chair of the National Council of La Raza

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- When California adopted nonpartisan open primaries, Latino candidates increased by 50% and the California Legislative Black Caucus grew by 50%.
- In South Carolina, 85% of cities use nonpartisan municipal elections. In these cities, African-Americans are represented at levels mirroring their percent of the population. In cities using partisan voting systems, African-American representation drops 6%, without a single minority candidate being elected to an at-large seat.

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