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### **For Immediate Release:**

**Portland Maine, September 23, 2018**-- Our Voice USA is very proud to announce that we are officially a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization!

To celebrate our new digs in Portland, we have given our website a makeover! We re-booted the Speak Our Voice blog with a fresh new look, remodeled the front page for easy access to the Our Voice App, and re-energized access to our tools with the addition of an Activism section that'll leave you with ZERO excuses to not get involved in your community!

### **Here's what we're all about:**

Voting is a right of every citizen under the [fifteenth amendment](#) to the United States Constitution. It prohibits the federal and state governments from denying a citizen the right to vote based on that citizen's "race, color, or previous condition of servitude"

Our Voice USA believes that it is the responsibility of all Americans to utilize their rights and become involved in all elections. Due to big money in politics acting as the main barrier to ballot access and a general lack of adequate civics education, an increase in disenfranchised voices and division in politics was inevitable and has proven to be so. Our Voice USA is working to level the field for both voters *and* activists. Our Voice USA is Non-Partisan... we aim to help fix the process for ALL voters. Your Voice is Our Voice... Our Voice USA.

### **Barriers to civic engagement:**

1. Perceived notion that only those with money can run for office
2. Financial barriers to access to campaign technology
3. Overly complicated barriers to access your representatives
4. Lack of accessible information for voters and activists
5. Feeling that the system is designed for the lesser of two evils.
6. Feeling apathetic... like your voice is not being heard by those who are charged with the duty to represent it.



**Ways Our Voice USA is building a toolbox to reduce these barriers:**

1. Providing a free canvassing tool with Decentralized Data - it's yours, not ours - Period
2. Designing tools that require no financial barriers in order to level the political playing field
3. Sharing access to useful civics tips, voter registration locations, and representative contact info
4. Building resources for activists to get involved
5. Maintaining an easy-to-navigate website as a hub for shareable infographics & searchable politicians.
6. Curating a public space to share ideas through opinion editorials and contributor-content blog posts from citizens just like you

Please come check out all we have to offer and return often for updates and new tools to help We, The People, Take Our Power Back!

<https://ourvoiceusa.org>

**About Our Voice USA:**

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The Media Director of Our Voice USA, Chris Garrou, is available for interviews regarding the organization's transition.

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