Citizens Election Research Center

Citizens Tool Kit & Guide

In 2022, the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence (USAEE), aka The Center for Tech and Civil Life, began awarding their election grants to selected counties across the United States. These are often referred to as "Zuckbucks 2.0." Once the Alliance realized their public announcements were triggering a grassroots response, shutting down much of what they were doing, they went underground. However, we believe that the Alliance may be resurfacing, often under other names or with their partners, gearing up to do exactly the same thing for the 2024 Elections.

More Information :

https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/u-s-alliance-for-election-excellence/

https://capitalresearch.org/article/the-lefts-plot-to-take-over-election-administration-part-3/

 https://capitalresearch.org/article/tammany-hall-2-0-part-4/

ALLIANCE PARTNERS:

Center for Tech and Civic Life

Center for Civic Design

The Elections Group

Center for Secure and Modern Elections

U.S. Digital Response

Institute for Responsive Government

Hasso Plattner Institute of Design at Stanford University

Prototyping Systems Lab at the University of California at Davis

1. **RESEARCH:**

The first thing a citizen and/or coalition can engage in to thwart the efforts of the USAEE is to RESEARCH. Find out if the "Alliance" has been active in your county and

your state. The Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIAs) are an effective way to do this. Depending on the state, FOIAs may be referred to by another name such as "Records Reports," or "Open Records." Filling out a FOIA is easy and can often be done online. Log on to your county's government website and search for a "request for public records," or the equivalent. Below is an example of a request:

Hello _____:

Pursuant to <mark>Arizona Statute - A.R.S. § 39-121.03</mark> , Non-Commercial Purpose Request, I am making the following request.

Please provide any correspondence, including, but not limited to, emails, le ers, mee ng notes, call notes, between the (County Name) Dept of Elec ons officials and/or employees, and <mark>The Center for Civic Design, 5443 Tates Bank Road, Cambridge, MD 21613.</mark>

Date Range = 1/1/23 to Present

These records are for my personal use, and I am requesting that they be transmitted electronically.

Thank you.

(The highlighted portions would need to be changed for each different state and organization being researched. At the end of this guide is a list of addresses for the Alliance Partners.)

2. EXPOSE:

Now that you have information about the Alliance's activities, it is time to make it public. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper with your current findings. Contact your local conservative news outlet or radio host and ask them to help you get the information published. If they have social media, ask them to upload it on their platforms. Share on your own social media, tagging other election integrity organizations.

Here is a link to an example of a letter to the editor:

 https://citizenselectionresearchcenter.org/letter-to-the-editor-example/

Social Media Hashtag Examples:

 #electionintegrity #USAEE #stopzuckbucks #honestelections #fairelections #notozuckbucks

3. RECRUIT:

 The next step is to recruit local citizens and/or conservative groups to engage (peacefully) with county officials. This is vital in invoking change. Once recruited, it is important to help train citizens on how to best engage with officials. [Example of a "Citizen's Call to Action" Flyer.](#)

ENCOURAGE a withdrawal or a denial of contract/grant(s):

Examples:

https://citizenselectionresearchcenter.org/template-zuck-bucks-ban-county-resolution-1/

https://citizenselectionresearchcenter.org/template-zuck-bucks-ban-county-resolution-2/

https://citizenselectionresearchcenter.org/template-zuck-bucks-ban-ag-opinion/

https://citizenselectionresearchcenter.org/template-coconino-county-resolution-to-withdraw-from-usaee-draft/

FOIA Addresses for Alliance Partners

- **Center for Tech & Civic Life** : 303 E Wacker Dr Ste 2106,Chicago, IL 60601
- **Center for Civic Design** : 5443 Tates Bank Rd, Cambridge, MD 21613
- **The Elections Group: 1**333 Burr Ridge PKWY STE 200, Burr Ridge, IL, 60527
- **Center for Secure and Modern Elections:**
- **US Digital Response:** 490 43rd Street Unit #230, Oakland, CA 94609 USA
- **Institute for Responsive Government:** 1440 W Taylor St Ste 950, Chicago, IL 60607
- **Prototyping Systems Lab at the University of California at Davis**: One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616

Email Template – Refusing Offer from the Alliance (USAEE) for a Grant or Membership

Dear (Elected Officials),

I/We have learned that you have been offered, and are considering a grant and membership, from the US Alliance for Election Excellence (Alliance).

The Alliance is a project of the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL). This organization is the left-wing, progressive, non-profit that distributed the "Mark Zuckerberg" grants to election offices in 2020. The Alliance is funded by radically progressive billionaire donors, who want to influence election offices and to implement their progressive agenda for election administration. This includes universal vote-by-mail, where everyone on the voter rolls receives a ballot—whether they are deceased, have moved, married, or otherwise; unobserved drop boxes placed everywhere; no voter ID requirements; no proof of citizenship to register to vote; unlimited external funding and influence on our election offices; massive federal funding for elections; and, ultimately, the implementation of a National Popular Vote with the elimination of the Electoral College.

Twenty-eight states have banned this activity by outside organizations. They realized that voters do not want any billionaires, left or right, or from any political ideology, funding and influencing our elections with their agenda for election administration. Our Constitution says elections are conducted by the states. The funding should come from the state's taxpayers, and the manner of our elections should be determined by the voters' representatives—our state legislatures
We urge you to refuse the grant/membership offer from the Alliance.

Thank you.

Letter/Email Template – Withdraw from Alliance Membership

Dear (Elected Officials),

(Location) is a member of the US Alliance for Election Excellence (Alliance), a project of the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL). This organization is the left-wing, progressive, non-profit that distributed the "Mark Zuckerberg" grants to election offices in 2020.

The Alliance is funded by radically progressive billionaire donors, who want to influence election offices and to implement their progressive agenda for election administration. This includes universal vote-by-mail, where everyone on the voter rolls receives a ballot, regardless of whether they are deceased or not, have moved, or changed their name due to marriage. It also includes unmonitored drop boxes placed everywhere, no requirement for voter ID, no proof of citizenship required to register to vote, unlimited outside funding and influence on election offices, and significant federal funding for elections. Ultimately, it involves implementing a National Popular Vote and eliminating the Electoral College.

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Thank you.

Coconino Must Protect Voters from Outside Election Interference

Coconino County Must Withdraw from the US Alliance for Election Excellence

In an era where integrity of the electoral process is more scrutinized than ever, the actions and affiliations of those responsible for conducting our elections are - and should be - under the microscope.

Coconino County's decision to join the ideologically and politically driven US Alliance for Election Excellence (USAEE) has sparked significant debate, touching on the very heart of our democratic principles.

Joining the USAEE does not enhance electoral security, but instead tramples over a delicate line drawn by Arizona law designed to shield our elections from one-sided, third-party influences.

The USAEE is the project of a leftwing nonprofit, funded by progressive billionaires. The goal of the USAEE is to influence election administration with a biased agenda, and, according to the membership agreement, to share non-sensitive, non-commercial technical data and usage statistics and provide feedback about any Standards-related digital tools offered by USAEE partners and implemented by the member.

Arizona's law is clear: the administration of elections should remain insulated and protected from external entities that could, intentionally or not, exert influence over the electoral process. This legislation was born of a growing concern that third-party involvement compromises the neutrality and integrity of our elections. It's a safeguard for democracy, ensuring that the foundational act of voting remains untainted by outside interests.

It is imperative that Coconino County reassess its membership in the US Alliance for Election Excellence. Withdrawal from the USAEE is not an admission of failure but a reaffirmation of our commitment to upholding the spirit and letter of Arizona's laws. It is a testament to the county's dedication to ensuring that its elections are conducted with the utmost integrity, free from external influences.

It's time for Coconino County to follow the lead of the four USAEE members who have recently canceled their membership, two in North Carolina and two in Utah, and reaffirm its dedication to conducting elections that are beyond reproach, in both appearance and reality.

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