

AKRON CLEAN MONEY CAMPAIGN  
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CLEAN MONEY PETITIONS SUBMITTED

Campaign finance reform is an idea whose time has really come to the City of Akron. Today, the Akron Clean Money Campaign submitted nearly 5000 signatures - almost 2000 more than needed for ballot access - on a petition calling for a Charter Amendment to enact full public financing on municipal campaigns in the City of Akron beginning next year. When passed, this citizen-initiated legislation will make Akron the first municipality in the USA to enact full public financing of campaigns. Along with the reform passed overwhelming in 1998, Akron will become the nation's leader in municipal campaign finance reform with passage of this new ballot issue.

"This is a historic moment for the people of our city", states Chris Hazen, coordinator of the Akron Clean Money Campaign, "The citizens of Akron, not the bought-off politicians, have taken the initiative to reinvent democracy and return government to the people"

"Making Akron a Clean Money city will be the peoples' response to the indictments of public officials and scandals in public office which have plagued local government" said Joe Finley, a leader in the Akron Clean Money Campaign and a candidate for Akron's 2nd Ward. "It is clearly time for a change in Akron city politics and policies"

Submitting the petitions to Clerk of Council John Valle along with Chris Hazen and Joe Finley was Terry Harris, candidate for Akron's 4th Ward.

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