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Chair Appeal: Change is happening—join us!

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Many years ago, I was a manager for a large bookstore chain that every January pushed the same promotion: “New Year, New You.” It became a cliché and something of a joke among the booksellers because nothing would ever change.

This coming year will be different. People who don’t normally pay attention to politics are finally waking up to the disaster that is the current administration. And I am increasingly optimistic about the direction we are heading.

It’s happening already:

Democrats are motivated. There is a growing sense of hope and possibility across the board.

- Millions of people are turning out for protests and rallies nationwide, gaining strength from solidarity.
- Democrats have won hundreds of special elections across the nation from statewide offices to local school boards. Miami voters elected the first ever woman mayor ending 28 years of Republican control.

Voters are seeing through Republican lies. People often don’t pay attention to whether or not they are being told the truth by officials—until those lies affect them directly. But now voters are seeing the truth, despite Trump telling them not to believe their own eyes.

- Prices are *not* coming down. It becomes harder every day for ordinary people to make ends meet. Housing, health, education, even food are becoming increasingly out of reach.
- Tariffs *are* taxes—and we all pay them in higher costs at the store or disappearing markets for exporters.

Republicans are splintering. Outside the core of the cult, Republicans are starting to peel off and fall away.

- A majority of Indiana state senators defied heavy pressure from Trump and voted with the minority Democrats *not* to engage in blatantly partisan mid-cycle gerrymandering.
- Republicans in the US House just overrode Trump’s executive order and restored union bargaining rights to federal workers.
- Four House Republicans defied Speaker Mike Johnson by signing onto a Democratic-led discharge petition to force a vote on extending Affordable Care Act subsidies for three years.

Right here in Lee County we turned out 400+ people for our fundraiser headlining David Jolly as our featured speaker. Dozens of people have stepped up to become Neighborhood Captains to organize their own communities in advance of the elections. Clubs and caucuses are growing in both numbers and members and reaching out to support local candidates.

What can you do to help?

- **Volunteer** with the Democratic Party.
- **Join** a club or caucus.
- **Donate** (All funds stay in Lee County and help to further our outreach).

The political landscape is changing in our direction. Be part of that movement.
"New Year. New *World*"