

Stein's Recounts Will Hopefully Affirm the Integrity of the Vote

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Stein is acting to preserve your right to know your vote is recorded and counted accurately, and she is paying the tab to do so.

MADISON - Friday Green Party presidential candidate **Jill Stein** filed a recount petition asking for hand tally of all WI votes cast. On Monday petitions were filed in Pennsylvania counties and Stein filed a sister petition with the courts. She intends to file her Michigan recount petition on Wednesday. These are the states with the closest Nov. 8 election results.

Stein is acting to support the most basic power in a democracy: The right to know your vote is recorded
and
counted
accurately and that all votes cast are so counted/recorded.



The America Revolution led to the establishment of our Constitution. Under that framework, our laws have been developed by elected state and national legislatures. The specific purpose of this government is to create a political environment wherein the Rule of Law is top dog -- NOT the Rule of King or Queen whose every word or whim becomes law and violation of which is punishable by death.

Though our founders put the Rule of Law on the throne of power, they were certainly not pure. Their groups of men and women working together as parties were as corrupt as many human beings before or after the Revolution.

You may remember the 1960 Kennedy Nixon presidential election. The famous Nixon campaign quote, the gist of which is, "they stole the election fair and square." Then, as today,

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Americans understand the VOTE is the only real power we have in our democracy "to throw the bums out" and put in new people. Americans are very concerned about the corruption in the voting process. Five in ten Americans say they have "little" or "only some" confidence that their votes will be accurately counted.*

Stein petitioned the WI Election Commission (WEC) to require a hand recount of 100% of the ballots cast. Election experts urged her to request recounts in three states:

- Because of the close vote totals,
- Because of the wide ranging hacking and attempted hacking of computers in the Democratic Party offices, campaign officials offices, federal and state government offices taking place and allegations of foreign powers doing the hacking, and
- Because of the ease with which various voting machines can be hacked.

Stein says citizens in a democracy deserve to know their votes are recorded properly. These recounts will reassure Americans three election systems are reliable. Or these three states will prove the need for radical changes to American election laws, equipment and procedures.

In the unlikely event that Clinton is declared the winner in these three states, she then would become president. (Clinton's lawyers have now said they will help Stein's lawyers. Clinton has filed no recount petitions.)

Over 130,000 people contributed an average of \$45 to help Stein raise \$6.4 million thus far to pay for the recount and the lawyers' efforts.

Wednesday Stein is due to pay the estimate \$1.1 million WI recount cost to WEC. The recount will start Dec. 1st. The federal deadline to get all local and state work done in WI, PA and MI is Dec. 13th. Electoral College votes Dec. 19th. Jan. 6th the Joint Session of Congress meets to review results, raise objections if any, and certify the winner. The new president is sworn in Jan. 20th

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In our democracy, our vote is the only way we can remove or elect our federal leaders. We cannot recall them, as we can in WI. Only the federal Congress can impeach and remove federal officials.

Thus, we have only our "VOTE" to protect us from tyranny. When we are denied the right to vote, or when our votes are not counted accurately, that is when we have lost the power of democracy!

Of all the presidential candidates, only Stein had the courage to start and implement the largest presidential recount effort in our history! May she succeed.

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