2006 Annual Report & 2007 Goals

2006 was filled with important success, thanks to the active support of many Democracy Advocates. With your help, we:

- Documented the patterns of illegal campaign financing tied to state House Speaker Jim Black and worked with investigators to uncover wrongdoing.
- Co-led the big win for sweeping new ethics and lobbying laws.
- Compiled data on racial bias in voting, testified at a hearing, and gave out 100,000 flyers for renewing the Voting Rights Act.
- Got a pilot public financing program for state legislative races passed in House committees, and will push it and a program for Council of State races in 2007.
- Coordinated “Democracy Day” events on ten NC campuses with our partners.
- Appeared in 300 news stories.
- Surveyed elections officials in 30 counties on ways to improve voter turnout.
- Won a pilot for “Instant Runoff Voting” in local elections, and began recruiting test cities.
- Assisted voter registration drives & phonebanks in several cities, and provided allies with 230,000 Get-Out-the-Vote flyers.
- Hosted a major forum on “Ethical Leadership” and made over 100 presentations.
- Helped develop democracy groups in Charlotte and Winston-Salem.
- Held statewide media tour for the judicial public financing program; improved its rules and filed complaint about 527 activity of FairJudges.net.
- Trained ten youth as grassroots organizers in 3 regions of NC through Democracy Summer.
- Win policy advances for campaign reform.
- Increase actions by Democracy Advocates and find new allies among civic leaders & Donors.
- Train 10 youth as grassroots organizers in 3 regions of NC through Democracy Summer.

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MAJOR GOALS FOR 2007

Do 10 research papers – on dangers posed by the money chase in NC politics and by barriers to voting – and pursue investigations of illegal acts.

Train 10 youth as grassroots organizers in 3 regions of NC through Democracy Summer.

Win policy advances for public financing in elections, same-day registration, 527 regulation, and more.

Increase actions by Democracy Advocates and find new allies among civic leaders & Donors for Campaign Reform.

See the Democracy Agenda at www.democracy-nc.org

Mobilized thousands to take action and gained new reform allies, e.g., Apartment Owners Assn. and NC Bankers Assn.