

ECONOMIC (RESOURCE) DEMOCRACY

WHAT IS IT?

Economic Democracy is the method through which people and their communities can participate in economic decision-making on issues that affect them so that the basic needs of all members of society can be equitably and sustainably met.

WHY DO WE CALL THIS RESOURCE DEMOCRACY?

Resource democracy is a form of economic democracy that combines sustainability with equality. It focuses on how a community shares resources and decides together how those resources should be used. Some of the problems we see today are declining resources and rising costs. Resource democracy is economic democracy that aims to ensure the equality and sustainable management of our resources.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO CORRECT CURRENT PROBLEMS?

To increase its impact, Economic Democracy Advocates focuses on the most fundamental needs of human life and well-being: food, water and energy. EDA helps citizens:

- * **Educate themselves on issues that impact their daily lives**
- * **Use a database that identifies and prioritizes state legislation in all 50 states that is fair and equitable**
- * **Explore research that examines the sustainability of food, water and energy in our communities**
- * **Receive advocacy training to assist individuals and communities to engage with their legislators about their concerns**

Economic democracy requires public involvement to create an economy that works for everyone. We want to work together with business, government and communities for peaceful change. Our goal is to assist and support members of our community to meet with their decision-makers.

The true meaning of democracy

We will need to adjust the current system so that it takes care of everyone—not just the elite and powerful. We need a fair and sustainable system that can empower all citizens to provide for their basic needs. This is the true meaning of democracy, where each citizen has a voice in decisions that give them fair access to resources. Resource democracy is an economy that works for everyone.

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