Are you fed up with corporate electronic voting machines secretly determining elections? No matter what party you belong to, your vote should count – and be publicly verifiable.

Join the Alliance for Democracy's call for a community-based “People's Vote Must Count” campaign. Help create a national network of citizen activists working to implement paper ballot voting to stop the theft of our elections and restore transparency and public oversight. See all of our campaign materials at www.peoplesvotemustcount.org

To Launch a “People's Vote Must Count” Campaign
Suggested Steps:

First, get out the word about ways voting machines, even the machines that count paper ballots, can be used to steal elections. Gather like-minded friends, colleagues and representatives to support the alternative of hand-counted paper ballots.

• Use this Justice Rising as a study guide to look at how the campaign for hand-counted paper ballots fits into the larger picture of needed electoral reform.

• Organize house parties and public events to show documentary movies like Hacking Democracy (2006) or I Voted? (2016).

Second, as you build your campaign, reach out to unlikely allies to support your efforts — people from other political parties and groups working on different issues requiring a legislative vote.

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• Engage professionally with your local election officials. You want them to provide you information and not to feel attacked or accused.

Third, study the election process in your town, city, or county to show ways people's votes are not secure.

• Form a non-partisan task force representative of your community.

• Document the chain of custody for ballots and machines.

• Identify the corporation(s) providing the machines and the contract for purchase or lease and repair.

• Investigate breakdowns/repairs.

• Report any evidence of financial and vendor contract irregularities, voter suppression, suspected fraud, or rigged elections.

Fourth, write a well-documented report with findings and recommendations to submit to your town, city or county council and election officials to make the case for hand-counted paper ballots.

Fifth, introduce legislation or an initiative calling for hand-counted paper ballots. Develop campaign materials and put together a team of organizers from among the partners you have developed.

Sixth, if your political jurisdiction is not yet ready to implement hand-counted paper ballots, consider implementing a HCPB process in one precinct to demonstrate this process is both reliable and doable. This depends on the size of your town, city or county.

Be sure to report your organizing to Barbara Clancy (afd@thealliancefordemocracy.org), AfD's national campaign coordinator, who will document what is going on around the country.