Dear ---,

In the fall of 2018, with your support, we achieved a huge victory in the fight for fair elections. Baltimoreans voted overwhelmingly to support Question H, a City Charter Amendment to establish a Fair Election Fund and Commission. But our work isn’t over- the City Council and Mayor must now finalize the details of the program which will provide limited matching funds for qualifying candidates who don’t accept large donations or special interest money. This will enable candidates without access to wealth to run for office and reduce the influence of large and corporate donors in the electoral process.

**Take Action: urge the City Council and Mayor to stand with Baltimore voters by quickly implementing the Fair Election Fund! [link to email campaign]**

For the past three cycles, we’ve seen Baltimore City elections become more expensive with even more influence from Super PACs and corporate interests. Unless significant changes are made in how we fund these elections, campaigns will only continue to rise in cost. As long as candidates are struggling to compete on a playing field dominated by major donors and special interests, the game will favor those donors who can afford to play by those rules.

The Baltimore Fair Election Fund will address this unfairness by shifting the focus of campaigns away from big dollar, wealthy donors and back to everyday people. Baltimore City’s program will allow for more diverse candidates to run for office, increase participation in the process, and results in a more substantive legislative debate free from the influence of big money.

**Show your support for Baltimore City’s Fair Election Fund! [link to email campaign]**

The Fair Election Fund is expected to be ready for the 2024 elections and, with your support, will put Baltimore City on the path to a more vibrant democratic process. Please support this critical legislation and join our efforts to advance campaigns funded by the people of Baltimore City!

-Name

**P.S.** Interested In getting more involved? Sign up to join the Baltimore Fair Election coalition and help us get the word out about the program. [link to get involved]

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**Sample Message for Email campaign to Council**

*Dear Councilmember,*

*Public funding of elections lets the voters take back control of politics.  It allows for more diverse candidates, increases participation in the process, and results in a more substantive legislative debate where moneyed interests don’t overwhelm the voices of the people.*

*[bill] would put Baltimore City on the path to Fair Elections and a more vibrant democratic process in the city.*

*Please stand with the voters of Baltimore and support [bill] to create Fair Election Fund!*

*Sincerely,*