**[Money Don't Get Everything, It's True...](https://www.electoral-vote.com/evp2022/Senate/Maps/Sep27.html" \l "item-1)**

The day has finally arrived. We have set up a Patreon account to allow readers to support the site on an ongoing basis. Click [here](https://www.patreon.com/user/membership?u=80270639) for the Patreon page, through which you can donate via credit card, Apple Pay, or PayPal. We have pre-configured monthly tiers for $1/month, $2/month, $5/month, $10/month and—reluctantly—$20/month, but users can actually set whatever rate they want, as long as it's not LESS than the tier's base amount. So, if you pick the $1/tier, you can give $4.20/month or $5.38/month or $6.66 month, if that is what you want to do. We examined a lot of options for collecting payments, and were persuaded that Patreon will ultimately allow us to accommodate the largest number of readers (given that we have an international readership). It is set up, incidentally, such that supporters will be charged on the first of each month.

What will we use the money for? Well, to help promote the site, as we always have. We will also use it to give us more time to make the site as strong as we can make it. That definitely includes hiring one or two folks to help us improve the site in various ways and add new features. We may also buy ourselves out of some teaching, so we have more time to devote to E-V.com projects. If those projects end up costing money beyond just labor costs, then we'll use the Patreon funds for that, too. Any money left after all of that will go to the annual E-V.com cocaine and hookers party.

Meanwhile, let us make clear what we will NOT be doing. We're not going to create a "velvet rope" that separates the paying readers from the non-paying readers. We didn't really want to create a situation with "haves" and "have nots," and when we surveyed the readership, they agreed. If you want to support us, then we really appreciate it. If you don't want to, or it's not in your budget, you'll still get the same exact content as anyone else. We know some folks are on a fixed income.

We also will not be taking advantage of the information that is given to Patreon by supporters. There will be no selling of e-mail addresses or anything like that. Further, we will not be constantly hitting people up with fundraising pitches. We'll remind people of the new setup throughout this week, and we'll probably post one reminder a month after that, and that will be it.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you try to sign up and you have any issues, [let us know](mailto:comments@electoral-vote.com).

Again, thank you for your readership and your support! (V&