



## Governance: With Instructions Comprehensive Cost-Benefit and Funding Report

**Summary** This document outlines the financial logic, operational blueprint, and systemic impact of Governance: With Instructions. It includes detailed cost estimates, funding structures, justification logic, and AI-modeled long-term outcomes. All assumptions are made transparent to uphold Public Logic's standard of clarity, fairness, and defensibility.

**I. GOVERNMENT REFORM STRUCTURE + ANNUAL ESTIMATED COSTS** - Civic Scorecard Infrastructure: \$500M/year • Development, deployment, and maintenance of nationwide digital scorecard platform. - Performance Bonus Pool: \$300M/year • Deferred payouts based on measurable outcomes over time. - Civic Integrity Panel Operations: \$150M/year • Independent enforcement, public reporting, and candidate review infrastructure. - Public Interface Tools & Transparency Dashboards: \$50M/year • Real-time access to representative performance, donations, and votes.

**II. VOTING ACCESS + PARTICIPATION INCENTIVE COSTS** - "Lunch on U.S." Voter Incentive Program: \$2B/year (max model) • Includes 100M voters × \$20 tax-credit meals. • Designed as an opt-in, public-private model—costs reduced by local partnerships. • Can scale seasonally or regionally to manage cost exposure.

**III. FUNDING & COST JUSTIFICATION** - Eliminated Costs: • Legislative waste from bundled, unreadable bills (~\$5–10B/year) • Savings from dark money oversight and donation transparency

- Reallocation Options: • Redirected campaign subsidies, unused discretionary slush funds • Optional surtax: 0.1% on idle corporate reserves = ~\$4B/year

**IV. SYSTEMIC IMPACT PROJECTIONS** In 5 Years: - Scorecards widely adopted as trust signals. - Voter turnout increases in local and midterm elections. - Legislative delays drop as bills are streamlined and public-facing.

In 10 Years: - Incumbent advantage weakens; performance trumps party loyalty. - Special interest influence fades under public scrutiny. - Government employment becomes desirable among skilled youth.

In 20 Years: - Civic accountability becomes a global benchmark. - U.S. seen as leader in participatory transparency. - Civic education returns to schools with real-world scorecard use.

**V. PUBLIC LOGIC FRAMING** Governance: With Instructions is not an ideology—it's a fix. It provides citizens a readable, auditable interface to the power they delegate. It treats public service as a job. One with performance metrics, transparency, and a feedback loop. This isn't politics. It's operations.

**VI. OBJECTION HANDLING** Q: Isn't this too expensive? A: It's a fraction of what we waste now. It costs less than a rounding error in the federal budget and returns far more in saved inefficiency.

Q: Won't this be gamed or politicized? A: Metrics are outcome-based, not optics-based. Bonus pay and scorecards are tied to real-world effects, not press releases.

Q: What if nobody cares? A: Then we lose nothing. But if even 10% engage with scorecards or accountability measures—it begins to shift the entire structure.

Q: Is this utopian? A: No. It's a performance review. For a job. That we all pay for.