



DEMOCRACY DAY

Monday, May 12, 2025 | 5:00-6:30 pm
Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Avenue
Mercedes Cotner Committee Room 217

What is Democracy Day?

Under Codified Ordinance Chapter 106, the Mayor and Council are required to designate one day in the second week of May as “Democracy Day”. On this day, on a biennial basis, public hearings take place in a public space, during which citizens testify as to the impact on the City of political contributions of corporations, unions, political action committees, and super-PACs. Democracy Day is a day when citizens make known their opposition to the holding in the US Supreme Court case *Citizens United*, by declaring publicly their belief that only human beings, not corporations, have constitutional rights and that regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

This event will feature comments from citizens. Speakers shall limit their comments to the specific subject of Democracy Day as set forth in the paragraph above.

All comments will be made in person. Anyone wishing to make comments must sign up at the event. The sign-up sheet will open up at 4:45 pm; the event begins at 5:00 pm. It will be first come, first speak.

Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes each. Speakers may not yield their time to other speakers. As many speakers as possible will be heard during the timeframe of this event, which ends promptly at 6:30 pm.

Speakers will be asked to conduct themselves with reasonable decorum and to not make comments that are frivolous or repetitive or use language that is obscene or likely to produce imminent unlawful action.