



Biweekly Newsletter: February 22-26

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### **The For the People Act**

Democrats in the House and Senate have rallied around H.R. 1, better known as the For the People Act. The package of voting reforms is hailed by many as a necessary improvement of voting rights, but opposition argues that the bill enables too much government control and weakens efforts led by the GOP to purge voter rolls of "inconsistencies." The resolution passed the House in the past, but was blocked by a Republican-majority Senate.

Now, Democrats in both chambers support its passing.

For more information about the For the People Act, as well as a summary of its main points and ways you can get involved, visit [Common Cause](#).

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### **Upcoming Events**

**Feb. 22:** From **3:30-5:00pm PST**, TPP will be hosting a workshop for Project Pericles' Debating for Democracy (D4D) "Letter to An Elected Official Competition." This competition, designed to engage college students nationwide with letter writing for political change, could even win you a \$500 grant for a community project of your choosing. No preparation is needed to attend, and in the meantime learn more about D4D [here](#).

Zoom Link: <https://pitzer.zoom.us/j/81333402112>

**Feb. 26:** Our next bi-weekly TPP meeting is Friday from **3:00-4:00pm PST**. Join us to hear about upcoming events, brainstorm action items for this semester, and hear an important announcement about student positions.

Zoom Link: <https://pitzer.zoom.us/j/84144568006>

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### **A New Section**

*In keeping with our mission of highlighting alternate forms of civic activism, we're introducing a new newsletter section: Each week, we'll give an explanation of a strategic principle, theory, or historical example of their effectiveness proposed by community organizers and activists. These examples all come from Beautiful Trouble and its contributors, a movement of grassroots organizers making community organizing more accessible globally. Learn more about them [at their website](#).*

### **Art and Messaging**

*as described by in [Beautiful Trouble](#)*

Art can serve as a powerful message for social movements, using its deep questioning and potential for alternative thought as a contrast to often bland political rhetoric. In using art to inspire action, the observer is moved to interpret the piece themselves, drawing them closer to the cause at hand. While still retaining a clear message, art for social change can be inspirational, engaging, and beautiful.

*Learn more about this principle [here](#).*

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### **Want to Get Involved?**

Fill out [this survey](#) to be added to our mailing list. Still looking for more? The People's Pitzer is seeking passionate students for a host of leadership positions. Keep an eye on your inbox for more application information, or reach out directly to Benjamin Shaw at [benshaw@students.pitzer.edu](mailto:benshaw@students.pitzer.edu).

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