

# — WALKING TO FIX — OUR DEMOCRACY

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## **This 82-Year-Old Could Be at Home Complaining About Dysfunctional Government. Instead, He's Walking Across the Country to Fix Our Democracy.**

(YOUR TOWN) – Many Americans think that our government and political system isn't serving the common good. Instead of properly serving constituents, our elected representatives spend countless hours raising money and becoming beholden to special interests. However, one man is taking to America's roads to say that all is not lost, and "we the people" have the power to rescue our democracy.

Retired Vermont lawyer and businessman Rick Hubbard started his Walking to Fix Our Democracy quest from Pasadena, CA in October of 2022. [\[, and is expected in \(TOWN, on DAY, DATE\). He will speak at \(LOCATION\) at \(TIME\), hosted by the \(ORGANIZATION\). The nonpartisan event is free and all are welcome.\]](#)

Hubbard traveled through California, Nevada and Arizona before leaving the road in December 2022 when his life-partner Sally had a relapse of her cancer and later passed away in April 2023. After putting her affairs in order, Rick returned to the Walk in August 2023, starting in New Mexico with the intention of arriving in Washington, DC after the January 2025 inauguration and a new Congress is seated.

Hubbard's project is not just about one person, however. Walking to Fix Our Democracy is a national effort to engage, activate, and support citizens to fix our democracy. Rick wants to empower voters across the land to walk and advocate in their own communities to demand proper representation.

"We can make our political system fairer, more inclusive, more competitive, and more representative. Our walk is a nonpartisan effort to make the case in communities across the U.S. that fixing our democracy first is the quickest and most effective way to unlock progress on issues important to us all: Climate change, health care, education, infrastructure, the freedom to vote, campaign financing, and much more," says Hubbard.

Walking to Fix Our Democracy has several purposes:

- Raise awareness about the need, and ways, to avoid autocratic rule of government.
- Spotlight state and local democracy activist efforts along the route.
- To encourage short walks for the same purpose on specific, coordinated dates in communities across America.
- To encourage candidates for Congress and other levels of government to make fixing our democracy their lead issue, starting with the passage of the Freedom to Vote Act and John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

Hubbard considers this project as an opportunity for high school and college age youth to amplify their voices and concerns about how government functions and its accountability, both locally and nationally. “I have a request for youth to tell me what to say or ask on their behalf, when I speak with the media, our elected and potential representatives, and the American people,” he stated.

As Hubbard walks, he encourages citizens of all ages to walk with him, organize local walks, invite him to speak to groups, high schools and colleges, and share his effort via social media. “My logistics are mostly a volunteer effort,” said Hubbard. “I depend on volunteers as I travel to help drive the RV, organize events and help get the word out. This walk, like democracy, isn’t a spectator sport! It won’t be successful unless we all do our part to make it work,” he said.

See the schedule and how to get involved by visiting the website at [www.fixourdemocracy.us](http://www.fixourdemocracy.us).

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