

Summary: A Contemporized Version of Jefferson's Ward Republic Idea

What we are about to share with you is something with which more than 90% of the citizens of the United States will agree. The fundamental reality to which this Contemporized Version of Jefferson's Ward Republic Idea ["WR"] responds is this: *The Common Man has no recourse or very little recourse that may be considered "decisive" in all matters pertaining to the well-being of The People. Furthermore, the Common Man is losing individual rights at an alarming rate, through judicial & bureaucratic maneuvering, Executive power far exceeding Constitutional limits and many other devices of those who currently hold the levers of power. The People need a "Recourse Mechanism" at all levels of government which has the capability to instantly counter & reverse sudden grabs for power and/or confront patterns which "evinced a design" that would likely lead to tyranny through "gradualism". What we are sharing, herein, is what we believe with Jefferson is the best guarantor for securing our liberties—one which both preserves our Constitution and provides The People additional, well-justified and trustworthy bulwarks against Tyranny.*

What is the *Recourse Mechanism*? The Recourse Mechanism would function more or less along these lines: By some ratios yet to be determined, say, a 2/3rds or 3/4th vote of the State Legislatures **or** 2/3rds of the Counties in 2/3rds of our States [bypassing the State Legislatures], *We the People* can do any or all of the following, including but not limited to: nullify any action by the Federal Government, compel any action by the Federal Government, remove any person from elected or appointed office and close down any office of the Federal Bureaucracy. Likewise 2/3rd or 3/4th vote of the Counties in a State and 2/3rds or 3/4th vote of the Wards in a County can effect the same nullification and/or compel the same types of action required for recourse in each governmental context. This structure enables corruption at all levels of government to be nullified and reversed with Wards nullifying/reversing County; Counties, their respective States; States likewise nullifying/reversing Federal corruption/tyranny.

What are the principles by which the mechanism of recourse operates? The overall concept of the WR Mechanism of Recourse is that **every** aspect of Federal, State or County power (Executive, Legislative, Judicial or Bureaucratic) can be compelled, nullified, reversed, resisted, controlled, removed or prosecuted by the will of the Common Man. It goes back to the ancient Roman principle: *Delegata potestas non potest delegari*: "That which is delegated may not be delegated". The corollary principle here is this: *Ultimately, the only way to make those in authority accountable to the people is to make the authority they possess to govern fully & instantly retrievable by the people—at any point in time the people deem necessary—the only due process required being that of a vote of a sufficient and to-be-determined ratio of Wards/Counties/States.* The People should not have to endure for decades laws that the Supreme Court will not address or legislation passed by corrupt politicians who hope the people will forget by the next election.

Accordingly, the surest bulwark against the tyranny of the *STATES* is the *COUNTIES* and, against the tyranny of the *COUNTIES*, the *WARDS*. This model of "The Ward Republics" was what Thomas Jefferson characterized as the idea of government in which he had the greatest confidence. Let me conclude with the words of Jefferson himself: Quoting Jefferson (letter to Cabell; 2 Feb. 1816): "What has destroyed Liberty and the rights of man in every government which has ever existed under the sun? The generalizing and concentrating of all cares and power into one body, no matter whether the autocrats of Russia or France, or of the aristocrats of the Venetian Senate... The elementary republics of the wards, the county republics, the state republics, and the republic of the Union, would form a gradation of authorities standing each on the basis of law, holding every one of its delegated share of powers, and constituting truly a system of fundamental balances and checks for the government. Where every man is a sharer in the direction of his ward-republic, or of some of the higher ones, and feels that he is a participator in the government of affairs, not merely at an election one day in the year, but every day; when there shall not be a man in the State who will not be a member of some one of its councils, great or small, he will let the heart be torn out of his body sooner than his power be wrested from him by a Caesar or a Bonaparte."