

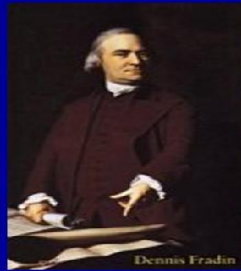
*A share in the sovereignty of the state, which is exercised by the citizens at large, in **voting at elections** is one of the most important rights of the subject, and in a republic ought to stand foremost in the estimation of the law.*

*Alexander Hamilton, *The Papers of Alexander Hamilton*, Harold C. Syrett, ed. (New York, Columbia University Press, 1962), Vol III, pp. 544-545.*

*"If the people **fail to vote**, a government will be developed which is **not** their government... The whole system of American Government rests on the **ballot box**. **Unless** citizens perform their duties there, such a system of government is doomed to failure."*

Calvin Coolidge, Thirtieth President of the United States

"The people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and infeasible right to *institute* government and to *reform, alter*, or totally *change* the same when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it."



Samuel Adams – Signer of the Declaration
January 19, 1796