

Hold politicians to the platform they ran on.

OpenCandidate turns a campaign platform into a public governing system. AI applies that system to bills, budgets, and major decisions. The officeholder remains human. The public gets a record of alignment, override, and drift.

PROBLEM

Politicians run on public promises and govern through private pressure. Voters hear values language during the campaign, then try to reconstruct actual priorities from votes, donor activity, and cleanup statements.

SOLUTION

Turn the campaign platform into a public governing system with decision rules, fiscal logic, and tradeoffs that can be applied consistently once the candidate takes office.

MECHANISM

1. Publish the campaign platform as structured decision rules.
2. Apply those rules to bills, budgets, land use questions, and major governing choices.
3. Show the recommendation in public. Log any override in the public record.
4. Measure alignment over time so voters can see whether the officeholder is still governing through the plan.

WHY THIS IS LESS CORRUPTIBLE

The claim is not that software is wise. The claim is that a public governing system is harder to bend quietly than a human being operating alone. Changes leave traces. Overrides leave traces. Long-term drift leaves traces.

Not every override is bad. Hidden overrides are.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IN PRACTICE

Bill or ordinance

The system applies the decision rules to a live item on the agenda and shows where the candidate's platform points.

Budget vote

The system maps spending choices back to the published priorities and shows what gets protected, cut, or deferred.

Override

The politician can depart from the recommendation, but the departure becomes visible, explained, and durable.

WHY NOW / WHY LOCAL POLITICS

Local government is concrete enough to evaluate and small enough to implement. Budgets, zoning votes, and procurement decisions create a workable proving ground. Language models are now good enough to apply rules across this repetitive public decision work.

WHAT WE NEED

- Candidates willing to bind themselves to the platform they ran on
- Advisors with local government, campaign, and implementation experience
- Funders who want an accountability mechanism, not a messaging exercise