We understand democracy as both governance (systems and structures) and culture (ways people live and solve social and political problems together) optimally informed by these intersecting and reciprocal principles and practices.

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