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Our great American society teeters on the precipice of collapse. The political climate today has grown palpable, mirroring the Roman Republic of 27 BCE. Augustus described himself as the "princeps civitatis," or the "first amongst citizens," as a moniker of his duty to the Roman people.

Unlike the Roman Principate, the United States has transferred the power of principality to its people.

This power must never be forgotten. We the people are the first citizens of the state. We need not one person but one thousand from every city to act as "princeps civitatis." In doing so, the lifeblood of democracy can be revitalized.

The local office is the most important office to U.S. democracy. It is an artery to the heart of the Republic, the citizen. This is where I choose to begin my civic duty. At merely twenty-five years of age, I have primarily studied history. I am not wealthy nor do I own land. But I know that a tree with no roots cannot grow and our local offices are the roots of this nation. I seek to strengthen our communities through education security and by rallying cities to pressure the state to ameliorate our living conditions.