

# Four Pillars of Charity and Philanthropy

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SVB Interests makes charitable and philanthropic grants based on alignment with its four pillars

## - Fourth Pillar: Political Freedom: American Civics, Historic Truth & Excellent Governance -

America is the last true bastion of economic and political freedom, girded by the precious opening words of the Declaration of Independence, *"All men are created equal, that their creator endows them with certain unalienable rights, that among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."*

The American Founders asserted a philosophical principle in the Declaration: the "Law of Nature and Nature's God." This universal moral law was their ethical and legal basis for creating a new, self-governing nation. One apparent aspect of this law is that it was understood in Western thought and by early Americans to be revealed by God in two ways—in nature and the Bible—thus evidencing the Bible's influence in America's founding document.

The "Law of Nature" is the moral or common sense embedded in man's heart or conscience (as confirmed in Romans 2:14-15). It tells one to live honestly, hurt no one, and render everyone his due. The law of "Nature's God," as written in the Bible and spoken by Jesus Christ, consists of two great commandments—to love God and love others. The first commandment is to *"love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength."* The second commandment, often called the Golden Rule, is to *"love your neighbor as yourself"* or, as expressed by Jesus, to *"do to others as you would have them do to you."* Thus, the content for both the natural and written laws is the same.

The preamble to the most extraordinary constitution ever created says, *"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves*

*and our posterity, do establish this constitution of the United States of America."* This is bold and uplifting language. Yet, the reader should never overlook the intentional language that these beautiful promises are intended for our posterity as much as ourselves. The beauty and innocence of America's children and children's children should always be considered by the voting citizens and the policies and laws our leaders debate.

In his famous speech entitled "A Time for Choosing," on October 27, 1964, Ronald Reagan said, *Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day, we will spend our sunset years telling our children and children's children what it was once like in the United States, where men were free."*

This speech was given at the apex of the Cold War. Although there were small and disruptive Marxist organizations and opaque socialist sympathizers in government and on college campuses in 1964, today, the internal Marxist and socialist threats to our republic are far greater than the external threats of the Evil Empire of the Cold War.

America is the only country in the history of humankind to write a constitution to protect its citizens from government tyranny and limit the government's expanse to only what the citizens permit. But unfortunately, that ingenious framework is under aggressive attack by avid Marxists, extreme social liberals, and progressives. They believe that human nature is moldable and malleable. Citizens are merely subjects to be managed by a totalitarian regime of professional experts, elites, and the force of a domestic surveillance apparatus and weaponized government institutions like the IRS and the Justice Department. To achieve this, they intend to neutralize the US Constitution as a founding document, eliminate or restrict private property rights, and eliminate the traditional patriarchal family. They are impatient with efforts to amend the founding documents by established constitutional means because those means are slow and complex, as our founders intended. Thus, they are openly disruptive and deceptive, using false propaganda and sophistry to create rebellion or revolution.

SVB Charities makes grants to organizations that, among other things, support voting integrity, states' rights (aka: "federalism"), neutralizing excessive government bureaucracy, strong national defense, and education initiatives on the established and accurate history of our republic, and the patriotic duties inherent to being a US citizen.