

QSS Founder; 1105 Gov't

After selling **QSS** for **\$250 million** last year, **Frank Islam** tells us he's supposed to be retired, but as we found out earlier this week, he is anything but. He's running **FI Investment Group**, hosting a television show, and recently signed on as chairman of the [State Democracy Foundation](#), a **Bowie**-based non-profit portal providing comprehensive voter registration information, **online voting tools**, and connecting citizens with **national and state legislators**. But will it connect us with **Joe the Plumber**?



Frank met State Democracy founder **Shukoor Ahmed** years ago when Shukoor was running for the **Maryland House of Delegates**. The two remained friends, and following Frank's "retirement," Shukoor approached him to become the new chair. "With the times we're in, it is imperative that people **reach out to their leaders**, and we give them the information they need to do so," Frank says, noting the site has increased traffic **400%** in the past month.



Here at Frank's Tysons office, State Democracy executive director **Ken Laureys** tells us he didn't have to think hard about the new chairman: "Frank built a quarter of a billion dollar company, so who better to take our organization to **the next level**?" Even un-retired, Frank has still managed some travel. He's just back from a European vacation where he traced his wife's **Dutch ancestry**, finding her parent's original farm and church, which was the same one that **Vincent Van Gogh's** father once preached at. (Doesn't this story end with Tom Hanks fending off Opus Dei?) Frank also traveled to **Barcelona** and visited the building where **Christopher Columbus** met **Queen Isabella** upon returning from America.