

Reclaim Democracy for People!

Stop Corporate "Personhood" and SuperPACs - Amend the Constitution

A Citizens Petition Project --

Ask Local Government to place an Advisory Measure on the November ballot A Voters Advisory Measure on a Constitutional Amendment to Regulate Corporate Political Spending and Campaign Financing

Help us to gather signatures on a petition asking local city or county councils to take two actions:

1. Adopt a resolution, calling on Congress to amend the Constitution - with provisions as spelled out in the Advisory Measure (below).
2. Urging city/county councils to place an Advisory Measure on the November 6, 2012, ballot - so that local voters can vote, expressing an opinion (yes or no) for the advisory measure.

Advisory Statement on a Constitutional Amendment to Limit Corporate Political Spending and to Regulate Campaign Financing

***To be placed on a city or county ballot,
for voters approval/disapproval, November 6, 2012.***

We The People, citizens of Seattle, Washington, hereby urge the Washington State Legislature and the United States Congress to amend the United States Constitution to clearly state that:

- (1) Corporations are not human beings, and only human beings are endowed with Constitutional rights.
- (2) Contributions and expenditures for political purposes are not Constitutionally-protected speech. Therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.
- (3) Congress and the States shall have the power to regulate contributions and expenditures for campaigns and ballot measures, and to require public disclosure of the sources of such contributions and expenditures.

Background:

A 2010 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, *Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission*, declared that corporations have the same rights as persons to spend unlimited sums on political speech, to influence campaigns and election results. This decision threatens democracy itself - government of, by, and for We The People.

The Court decision severely restricts the ability of federal, state and local governments to enact reasonable campaign finance reforms and regulations regarding corporate political activity.

Recently, several proposed amendments to the Constitution have been introduced in Congress that would allow the regulation of contributions and spending corporations to influence elections.

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