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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE GERAN TARR

HJR 11

“Supporting action to overturn the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010); and urging the United States Congress to pass legislation overturning the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, thereby restoring free and fair elections in the United States.”

Sponsor Statement

HJR 11 urges the United States Congress to overturn the decision of the United States Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, which removed the restrictions on the amounts of independent political spending.

The Citizens United Supreme Court decision essentially hinges on the notion that money is speech, corporations are people, and being allowed to give large amounts of undisclosed money to politicians in exchange for access and influence does not constitute corruption.

Former President Jimmy Carter recently said that unlimited money in politics, “violates the essence of what made America a great country in its political system. Now, it’s just an oligarchy, with unlimited political bribery being the essence of getting the nominations for President or to elect the President. And the same thing applies to Governors and U.S. Senators and Congress members. So now we’ve just seen a complete subversion of our political system as a payoff to major contributors, who want and expect and sometimes get favors for themselves after the election’s over.”

America’s campaign finance system must be reformed. This is an issue that concerns all Americans- regardless of party affiliation. We, as Alaskans, are stronger together and if we wish to preserve democracy and a government that represents all the people and not a handful of powerful billionaires with wealthy special interests, I ask that you support HJR 11.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Bill Version: HJR 11
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Identifier: HJR11-LEG-SESS-04-16-18
Title: CONGRESS: OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED V.
FEC
Sponsor: TARR
Requester: HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS

Department:
Appropriation:
Allocation:
OMB Component Number: 0

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

INITIAL VERSION. ONE PAGE, ZERO NOTE.

Prepared By:	SANTE LESH, ADMIN OPERATIONS MANAGER	Phone:	(907)465-6626
Division:	LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY	Date:	04/16/2018 09:37 AM
Approved By:	JESSICA GEARY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Date:	04/16/2018
Agency:	LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY		

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 48

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the rights extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2017

Mr. NOLAN (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. O'Rourke, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LEE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. TONKO, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. NORCROSS, and Mr. JONES) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the rights extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
2 States:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The rights protected by the Constitution
5 of the United States are the rights of natural persons only.
6 Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability
7 companies, and other entities, established by the laws of
8 any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall
9 have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to
10 regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local
11 law. The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined
12 by the People, through Federal, State, or local law, and
13 shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

14 “SECTION 2. Federal, State and local government
15 shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expendi-
16 tures, including a candidate’s own contributions and ex-
17 penditures, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their
18 economic status, have access to the political process, and
19 that no person gains, as a result of that person’s money,
20 substantially more access or ability to influence in any way
21 the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot
22 measure. Federal, State, and local governments shall re-
23 quire that any permissible contributions and expenditures
24 be publicly disclosed. The judiciary shall not construe the

- 1 spending of money to influence elections to be speech
- 2 under the First Amendment.”.

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HAINES BOROUGH CHARTER

WITH PROVISION FOR TRANSITION UPON CONSOLIDATION OF
THE CITY OF HAINES
AND
THE HAINES BOROUGH

Prepared by
THE CITY OF HAINES
PETITIONER

December 20, 2000

As Amended by the Local Boundary Commission with the Concurrence of the Petitioner
Following the
March 9, 2002 Public Hearing on the Proposal

PREAMBLE AND BILL OF RIGHTS

We the people of the Haines Borough, exercising the powers of home rule granted by the Constitution of the State of Alaska, in order to achieve common goals, to support individual rights, to form a more responsive government, and to secure maximum control of our own local affairs, hereby establish this charter.

This charter guarantees to the people of the Haines Borough the following rights that are in addition to the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Alaska:

The right to a government of the people, by the people and for the people, which safeguards our diversity, harmony between neighbors and respect for the environment;

The right to access a well maintained public record of all actions of public officials in accordance with this charter, so that the citizens of the borough may retain control over the affairs of their government;

The right to enjoyment of private property, chosen lifestyles, traditions, employment, and recreational activities without unnecessarily restrictive or arbitrary laws or regulations.

We, the people of the Haines Borough, believe the rights set out in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, like those in this Charter, are guaranteed only to individual human beings and do not apply to artificial entities. (Amended by voters October 1, 2013)

A Resolution passed by the South Addition Community Council
regarding local support of an Amendment to the U. S.
Constitution on Corporate Personhood and Free Speech:

*Be it resolved, the residents of the South Addition Community Council call for amending the United States
Constitution to establish that:*

- 1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and*
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not
equivalent to limiting political speech.*

Passed this day, February 19, 2015 by a vote of 12 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Jeffrey Manfull, President



Date:

03/09/2015

**AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2014-4**

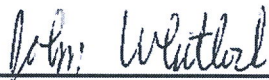
**A RESOLUTION REGARDING LOCAL SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON CORPORATE PERSONHOOD**

Be it resolved, the People of the Airport Heights Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage delegation in the state legislature, and Alaska's congressional delegation.

This Resolution was approved by the Airport Heights Community Council on May 15th, 2014 by a vote of 13 IN FAVOR, 0 AGAINST, and 2 ABSTENTIONS.



President

A Resolution passed by the South Addition Community Council regarding local support of an Amendment to the U. S. Constitution on Corporate Personhood and Free Speech:

Be it resolved, the residents of the South Addition Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

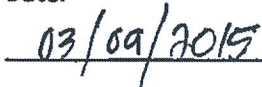
- 1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and*
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.*

Passed this day, February 19, 2015 by a vote of 12 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Jeffrey Manfull, President



Date:



A Resolution Passed by the ___ Bear Valley _____
Community Council Regarding Local Support of an Amendment to the U.S.
Constitution on Corporate Personhood and Free Speech

Be it resolved, the People of the ___ Bear Valley ___ Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Copies of this resolution will be shared with the Anchorage Assembly, and the delegations to the Alaska State Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

Passed this 12th day of April, 2017, by a vote of the Majority in attendance as attested by the following:


President: ___Kevin Durling___

Date: April 19th 2017

A Resolution Passed by the Bayshore Klatt Community Council Regarding
Local Support of an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on Corporate
Personhood and Free Speech

Be it resolved, the People of the Bayshore Klatt Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Passed this 26 day of January 2017 by a vote of council membership in attendance as attested by the following:



Bob Hoffman
President

A Resolution Passed by the Downtown
Community Council

Regarding Local Support of a National Constitutional Amendment on Corporate
Personhood

Be it resolved, the People of the Downtown Community Council call for amending the United
States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent
to *limiting political speech.*

Passed this 4th day of May 2016 by a vote of 8-7 as attested by the following:

President: Michelle Galkha Vice President; *on behalf of president.*

Date: July 19, 2017

**A Model Resolution for Community Councils Regarding
Local Support of a National Constitutional Amendment on Corporate Personhood**

Be it resolved, the People of the University Area Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage delegation in the state legislature, and Alaska's congressional delegation.

Passed this 6th day of June 2012 by a vote of six to two with one abstention as attested by the following:

President: *Craig Valentine*

Craig Valentine

Date: June 9, 2012

**A Model Resolution for Community Councils Regarding
Local Support of a National Constitutional Amendment on Corporate Personhood**

Be it resolved, the People of the Seward Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage delegation in the state legislature, and Alaska's congressional delegation.

Passed this 9th day of SEPT 2012 by a vote of 6-2 as attested by the following:

President: 

Date: 9/3/12

A Resolution for the Scenic Foothills Community Council
Regarding
Local Support of a National Constitutional Amendment on Corporate Personhood

Be it resolved, the People of the Scenic Foothills Community Council
call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage delegation in the state legislature, and Alaska's congressional delegation.

Passed this 9th day of Jan ²⁰¹⁴ ~~2013~~ by a vote of 11-2 as attested by the following:

President: Alexander Mosterova

Date: January 13, 2014

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE SAND LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REGARDING
LOCAL SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ON CORPORATE PERSONHOOD**

RESOLUTION 2012-01

Be it resolved, the People of Sand Lake Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

- 1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and**
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.**

Copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage delegation in the State Legislature, and Alaska's Congressional Delegation.

Passed this 4th day of June, 2012 by a unanimous vote as attested by:



**Daniel Burgess
Sand Lake Community Council President**

Date: June 4th, 2012

Rabbit Creek Community Council

P.O. Box 112354

Anchorage, Alaska 99511

Be it resolved, the Rabbit Creek Community Council calls for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

This resolution passed the 9th day of August, 2012, by a majority vote of the membership.

Attested by the presiding officer of the general membership meeting:

Signature: Mike Kenny Date: August 19 2012

Mike Kenny, Vice President, Rabbit Creek Community Council

**Rabbit Creek Community Council
Meeting Sign in Sheet**

Date: 7:00 PM

Location: _____

Name	Address	Telephone	Email	Subdivision	Voting Member?
Wray Kucard	14600 Irvine	345-2286	wkucard@att.net	NET	YES
Diane Howard	3035 Hillside Way	529-1733	on file	South Hills	Yes
Leah Boltz	13110 Biscayne Cir.	808-2304	leahboltz@earthlink.net		no
Keith Gayer	on file	on file	on file		YES
JEFF VAUGHN	ON FILE	ON FILE	ON FILE		YES
Dianne Holmes	on file				YES
Heath Lanson	MOA	343-8256	LANSO@THEPINEAULT.ORG		NO
Joan Diamond	5700 Rock	345-6192	bandyjd@att.net		yes
Pauline Titus	3151 S. 1st St.	345-1501			-
SARON M. DALSKY	3200 E. 151 st AVE	345-2039			-
Franky Joyce Delany	4825 Millendale	345-2100			Yes
DAVID STERLING	5800 EAST 156 th AVE	345-5804	dauid@uk.pik.com	Mc CONAHA	YES
Jessie (Frank)	on file	"	"	"	YES
JANEY V. BEN	" "	223-1111			Yes

Rogers Park Community Council

Rogers Park Community Council

(including Anchor Park, College Village, Woodside East and Rogers Park)

Janet Bidwell, President
3301 Purdue St.
Anchorage, AK 99508
(907) 279-5139

Iris Matthews, Vice-President
Jim Wright, Secretary
Cheryl Forrest, Treasurer

A Resolution For The Rogers Park Community Council Regarding Local Support of a National Constitutional Amendment on Corporate Personhood

Be it resolved, the People of the Rogers Park Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage delegation in the state legislature, and Alaska's congressional delegation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Rogers Park Community Council this 9th day of September, 2013, by a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Respectfully,



Janet Bidwell
President, Rogers Park Community Council

**A Resolution for the North Star Community Council
Regarding
Local Support of a National Constitutional Amendment on Corporate Personhood**

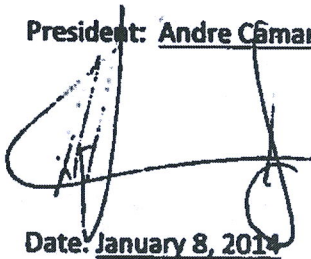
Be it resolved, the People of the North Star Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage delegation in the state legislature, and Alaska's congressional delegation.

Passed this 8th day of January 2014 by a vote of 13 -2 as attested by the following:

President: Andre Câmara

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andre Câmara', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Date: January 8, 2014

Old Seward Oceanview Community Council

Anchorage, Alaska

Resolution 2016-17-01

**A Resolution by the Old Seward Oceanview Community Council
Regarding Local Support of an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on
Corporate Personhood and Free Speech**

**Be it resolved, the People of the Old Seward Oceanview Community
Council of Anchorage Alaska call for amending the United States
Constitution to establish that:**

- 1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and**
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political
contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political
speech.**

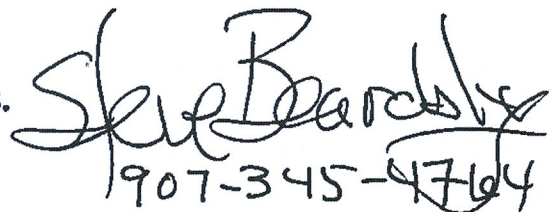
**Introduced this 23rd day of _Sept 23,2016_ to be voted on next
meeting.**



**Passed this 19th day of October 2016__ by a vote of __30y/0n__ as
attested by the following:**

President: Steve Beardsley, OSOVCC, Pres.

Date: Oct 19, 2016



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GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

C/O Community Councils Center • 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99503


Stephanie Kesler, President
Melinda Gant, Vice President
Cassandra Blaze, Secretary-Treasurer
Kyle Stevens, FCC Representative
Mavis Hancock, Donna Rymut, Jill Johnston, At-Large Board Members
Bob French, Past President

**A Resolution by the Government Hill Community Council
Regarding Local Support of a National Constitutional Amendment
on Corporate Personhood**

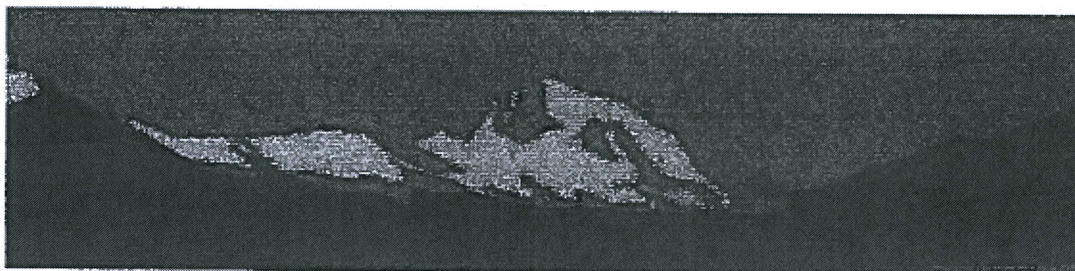
Be it resolved, the People of the Government Hill Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Passed this 19th day of February 2015 by a vote of 6-4 as attested by the following:

President: Stephanie A Kesler 
Date: 2/19/2-015

GHCC Resolution #15-02



EKLUTNA VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2017-01

A RESOLUTION ASKING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY HUMANS ARE ENDOWED WITH CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND THAT MONEY IS NOT FREE SPEECH

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution was ordained and established by "We the People"; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution refers to "people" and "citizens," but never mentions corporations; and

WHEREAS, corporations existed when the Constitution was ordained and established, but were not considered "people" or "citizens" in our Nation's founding document; and

WHEREAS, corporations are owned by people who already have the privileges and protections accorded to all citizens, including the right to vote and the right of free speech; and

WHEREAS, corporations cannot vote, run for office, practice religion, or serve in the Armed Forces, which are also forms of free speech; and

WHEREAS, the wealth and influence of corporations may be controlled by one person or a small group of people; and

WHEREAS, corporations may be owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by foreign entities; and

WHEREAS, a corporation is property, not a person or citizen; and

WHEREAS, money is property, not speech, and;

WHEREAS, since the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission in 2010, wealthy individuals, corporations and other entities are contributing unrestricted and unlimited amounts of untraceable money ("dark money") to influence politicians, elections, and policies; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court's interpretation that spending money in political campaigns is a form of free speech is contrary to the notion of one person, one vote and allows those with the most money to have an unfair advantage; and

WHEREAS, we believe the U.S. Supreme Court misapplied the U.S. Constitution's concept of "person" to include corporations in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and other case law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Eklutna Valley Community Council stands with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country in asking Congress to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the U.S. Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eklutna Valley Community Council strongly recommends that our municipal, state and federal representatives enact resolutions and legislation to advance this cause.

Passed this 18th day of January 2017.


Margan Grover, President

A Resolution for the TUDOR AREA Community Council
Regarding
Local Support of a National Constitutional Amendment on Corporate
Personhood

Be it resolved, the People of the TUDOR AREA Community
Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Anchorage Assembly, the Anchorage delegation in the state legislature, and Alaska's congressional delegation.

Passed this 2 day of JAN 2013 by a vote of UNANIMOUS as attested by the following:

President: J. J. Butler

Date: FEB. 19, 2014

**A Resolution Passed by the Chugiak Community Council
Regarding Local Support of a National Constitutional Amendment on Corporate
Personhood**

Be it resolved, the People of the Chugiak Community Council call for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Passed this 19th day of November 2015 by a vote of 11 to 3, as attested by the following:



Maria J. Rentz, President, Chugiak Community Council

20 November 2015

Fairview Community Council
Resolution Number: 2012-02

A resolution opposing the United State Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution in *Citizens United* regarding the constitutional rights of corporations, supporting an amendment to the Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the entirety of protections or "rights" of natural persons, specifically so that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is no longer a form of constitutionally protected speech, and calling on Congress to begin the process of amending the Constitution.

Whereas, In 2010 the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, holding that independent spending on elections by corporations and other groups could not be limited by government regulations; and

Whereas, This decision rolled back the legal restrictions on corporate spending in the electoral process, allowing for unlimited corporate spending to influence elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions; and

Whereas, In reaching its decision, a majority of the Supreme Court, relying on prior decisions, interpreted the First Amendment of the Constitution to afford corporations the same free speech protections as natural persons; and

Whereas, In his eloquent dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens rightly recognized that "corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires. Corporations help structure and facilitate the activities of human beings, to be sure, and their 'personhood' often serves as a useful legal fiction. But they are not themselves members of 'We the People' by whom and for whom our Constitution was established"; and

Whereas, The Court's decision in *Citizens United* severely hampers the ability of federal, state and local governments to enact reasonable campaign finance reforms and regulations regarding corporate political activity; and

COMMENTARY

Court decisions on corporate rights have endangered American democracy



Haley

Sharman Haley

Today is the eighth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*, in which a 5-to-4 majority struck down portions of a bipartisan campaign finance law, the McCain-Feingold Act. The court ruled that corporations have constitutional rights to free speech in the form of election spending. Dissenting Justice John Paul Stevens protested this radical departure from a century of settled law and asserted:

“Our lawmakers have a compelling constitutional basis, if not also a democratic duty, to take measures designed to guard against the potentially deleterious effects of corporate spending in local and national races.”

Citizens United is a political action committee organized in 1988 and funded by the Koch brothers, which promotes corporate interests, socially conservative causes and candidates who advance their goals. In 2007 *Citizens United* crafted a political attack video called “Hillary — the Movie” and sought to broadcast ads for it in the weeks before the 2008 primary, in a deliberate challenge to provisions of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 prohibiting any corporation or labor union from making an “electioneering communication” within 30 days of a primary. When the FEC disallowed it, James Bopp Jr., a lawyer who has made it his life’s work to dismantle campaign finance law and advance conservative Republican principles, took the case to court. The district court ruled in favor of the FEC, but the Supreme Court overturned the lower court decision.

Citizens United was followed by a federal D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in *Speech-Now.org v. FEC*, which allowed super PACs to raise and spend unlimited amounts of money on electioneering. The 2014 Supreme Court ruling in *McCutcheon v. FEC* struck down the aggregate limit for individual contributions. These decisions have opened the floodgates and allowed dark money and corporate dollars to pour into our elections in vastly increased amounts.

By 2016, electoral spending by super PACs, nonprofits, unions and political organizations exceeded \$1.6 billion, up from \$286 million in 2006, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. At least \$183.5 million of that was dark money, where the names of the donors are not disclosed; by comparison, in 2006 dark money spending was just over \$5 million. In 2006 big donors, with contributions over \$100,000, accounted for just 4 percent of total campaign contributions. Ten years later their share of the total had risen to more than 36 percent.

These trends are drowning democracy. According to research by Issue One, members of Congress now spend an average of 20 to 30 hours per week fundraising. Another study found campaign donors are

more likely than regular constituents to get meetings with lawmakers or high-ranking officials. Other research shows that congress people more often vote lobbyists' preferences than their constituents' preferences: The recent tax reform legislation is case in point.

Thanks to journalist Jane Mayer ("Dark Money") we now know the backstory to these watershed decisions. They are the fruit of a 40-year campaign by libertarian billionaires to limit the democratic rights of individual citizens in order to expand the economic and political power of the economic elites. Billions of dollars of strategic political spending by Charles and David Koch and others in their cabal — including Richard Mellon Scaife, John Olin, Harry and Lynde Bradley, and the DeVos family (Richard Sr., Richard Jr. and Betsy) — funded not only electoral campaigns, but also libertarian think tanks and academic programs, phony grass-roots groups, all-expense-paid seminars at fancy resorts to indoctrinate judges in the libertarian view of law and property rights, and a stairway of fabricated cases to systematically create a chain of decisions and body of law serving corporate interests.

We are now well down the road to oligarchy. The only recourse we have to restore democracy of, by and for the people is to collectively stand up and exercise our sovereignty. We have the power to overturn these Supreme Court decisions with a constitutional amendment stating that corporations are not people, money is not speech, and our elected representatives do have the authority to regulate campaign finances; moreover, it is their responsibility to ensure that the voices of ordinary citizens — not the biggest donors — will be heard. Nineteen states — half the number required to ratify — have already gone on record supporting such an amendment.

The amendment should be followed with model legislation in all 50 states setting out in their respective corporate codes the legal rights and privileges we grant corporations under the law, as part of their corporate charter. Clearly, we will want them to have a right to due process, the right to hold property and enter contracts, standing to sue and be sued, and other perquisites of orderly legal process. What political privileges corporations should have is a matter for deliberation by our elected representatives, not a question for activist courts to legislate.

Sharman Haley, an economist and retired professor of economics and public policy at the University of Alaska Anchorage, is a member of Move to Amend, which seeks a constitutional amendment to clarify that only individuals, not corporations, have constitutional rights.

Hello Representative Tarr,

My name is Michael Patterson. I live in Anchorage and I'm a lifelong Alaskan. I am writing this letter in support of House Joint Resolution No. 11 (HJR11). I believe that the Supreme Court's Citizen United decision undermines the democratic process within the United States and Alaska. With civil rights under attack, economic inequality and climate change it is even more important to have all voices, perspectives and experiences represented and heard.

Citizens United prioritizes the concerns and the needs of the wealthy over the concerns and needs of working-class Alaskans. As an Iraq War Veteran who took an oath to defend the constitution, I whole-heartedly support HJR11 because I believe it is a step in the right direction to restore the democratic process and make it truly accessible to all.

Thank You,

Michael Patterson

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Joan Landis <jlandisrunner@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

My name is Joan LANDis and I have lived in Anchorage since 1969. Am a retired teacher of Anchorage Schools. Presently have the full time care of my husband who is disabled.

Citizens UNited was an affront to democracy laid out by the Supreme Court. Corporations are entities. They are not individuals. Employees of the corporations cannot speak out for fear of losing their jobs but we as citizens can. The corporations get the tax breaks and are sponsored by the wealthiest of the country.

This law needs to be overturned.

Respectfully yours, JOAn LANDis

Sent from Windows Mail

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Angelina Everlong <amc_rocks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Hello,

I'm a lifelong Alaskan (under 30) and a currently active, 7-year Teamster member in Anchorage.

I believe political candidates and also those up for reelection should be focused on being a public servant, rather than worrying about raising funds, simply to "win" the race. I would strongly encourage support for, and am writing today to be a documented supporter of HJR 11.

Thank you for your time,

-Angelina C. Stewart

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Chelsea Gulling <chelsea.gulling@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Hi--

Please log my support for HJR 11--its the right thing to do. Elections used to be fun...they aren't anymore.

I have been an Alaskan resident for 10 years. I live in Anchorage and work in Bethel most of the time now and work in violence prevention currently.

Thank you!

Chelsea Gulling

3537 Sagan Circle

907-229-8898

Magdalena Oliveros

From: T. Frank Box <tfbox000@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2018 1:24 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: FW: "Support for HJR 11"

corrected email, Happy Easter!!

From: T. Frank Box <tfbox000@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 3:09 PM
To: 'Magdalena.Oliveros@akleg.gov' <Magdalena.Oliveros@akleg.gov>
Cc: 'anchorage@movetoamend.org' <anchorage@movetoamend.org>
Subject: "Support for HJR 11"

My name is Frank Box I've lived in Anchorage Alaska since February 7, 1959. So I basically grew up in and around Anchorage and it worked in Alaska all my life. As a youngster I went to college for welding and fabrication, then worked on the trans-Alaska pipeline and eventually became an oilfield maintenance/construction worker until 1999 when a recurring brain tumor forced me to leave that position.

I currently work for a nonprofit, Access Alaska Inc. as an Independent Living Advocate and the manager of the DME Department.

I support HJR 11 because I feel the net effect of giving entities considered to be corporate persons additional constitutional rights cheapens and dilutes the effective rights and powers of the living breathing constituents. I do not believe that shareholders and owners of corporations should have additional benefits outside of their citizenship, no one should be more than equal. Furthermore, I do not think it is fair to our elected leaders to have to spend up to this 30% of their time fundraising with these more attractive potential donors in order to get reelected and continue doing the people's work. With a level playing field doing the people's work should be enough to secure reelection.

We have been told not to worry that this would sort itself out but we have seen floods of outside money and lobbyist flowed into our state and communities to skew our democracy. Thanks to Representative Gerran Tarr for taking this on.

Respectfully Yours,
T. Frank Box
disse-Ability Advocate
(907) 351-4977
Anchorage Alaska
99502

Magdalena Oliveros

From: x <judithinalaska@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 6:05 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: HJR II

I wish to add my support for HJR 11. The unlimited financial support that is given to some candidates has caused the others to spend their time raising money instead of paying attention to the business of governing and to their less well endowed constituents. I have lived in Anchorage for twenty years and I vote.

Judith Stoll
judithinalaska@aol.com
842 West 75th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99518

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Mark Parmelee <potterview@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 6:09 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: Rep. Jennifer Johnston; anchorage@movetoamend.org; Rep. Geran Tarr; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Support for HJR 11 - Regarding Citizen's United

Representative Geran Tarr,

I have been a South Anchorage resident since 1985. Now retired I have found the US Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case to be a huge problem for our Country. Corporate funding in a large way distorts elections because of their funding that is applied to sway elections. Individuals contributions to causes/individuals cannot compete with corporate funding.

HJR 11 is important to show Alaska understands the problem of corporate "personhood."

Respectfully yours,

Mark Parmelee
18630 Snowy Plover Circle, Anchorage AK 99516
potterview@gmail.com

Magdalena Oliveros

From: corcel <corcel1951@yahoo.es>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 6:41 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros; Beverly Churchill
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Hello Magdalena,

I am Donal Hennessey. I live in anchorage, Alaska. I have been here 67 years now. I work for Anchorage School District. I have always been against making corporations people, giving them abodyso thst shareholders can avoid debt I am for. Corporations should be limited, severely, onthe cash they canput into elections. The government belongs to each and every person, not an artificial entity. Expansion of rights and privileges for corporations is causing inequality and double-dipping on the part of corporate owners. Candidates have to spend up to 30% of their work time raising funds; time that should be used working on governing!

Respectfully Yours,

Donald Hennessey
Phone (907) 980-5855
Email corcel1951@yahoo.es

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

On Sunday, March 25, 2018, 4:59 PM, Beverly Churchill <beverlychurchill51@gmail.com> wrote:

Sorry I misspelled the name of Rep. Tarr's aide, so please see the correct spelling in the subject line above. And PLEASE get these in so the are there tomorrow for them to see!!

Thank You----

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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Anchorage Move to Amend <anchorage@movetoamend.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 9:24 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Fwd: Hearing for HJR 11

Dear Representatives,

I urge you to take up HJR 11, calling on Congress to Overturn Citizens United. This US Supreme Court decision was an ill-advised move that is sending ripples across the nation. Not only is it affecting national campaigns for president and congress, but it is being used to strike down all other campaign finance laws that have been passed by states. In fact, Alaska's laws are currently be challenged in court as I write this.

I am a 40+ year resident of Alaska, and the daughter of an Alaskan-born citizen, and granddaughter of men and women who helped build Alaska in the past 100 years. I believe that most Alaskans agree with me and Representative Tarr that this decision must be overturned to allow states to decide on their own laws relating to campaign financing. All artificial persons, those created by our very state laws including corporations, non-profits, and unions should not have constitutional rights, that are specifically "Inherent" and bestowed by the Creator! We the people are the creators of these corporations, and they already are bestowed special privileges through our laws that are not allowed for natural persons, such as protection from personal liability.

You have an obligation to give this bill a hearing for this issue affects our very democracy. Polls have shown time and again (most recently in Bloomberg News, over 80% of both citizens who call themselves "Republican" and "Democrat") that all Americans believe Citizens United was a bad decision. This should not be a partisan issue, and you should work to add Alaska to the 19 states who have already passed such a resolution.

Sincerely,

Beverly Churchill

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Anchorage, Ak 99509

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"There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so" ----Shakespeare

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Beverly Churchill <beverlychurchill51@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 9:25 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Fwd: Support for HJR 11

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From: Ruth Sheridan <ruth.sheridan@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 5:41 PM
Subject: Support for HJR 11
To: "MagdalenaOliveros@akleg.gov" <MagdalenaOliveros@akleg.gov>
Cc: "Office of Rep. Spohnholz" <rep.ivy.spohnholz@akleg.gov>

Thank you, Geran Tarr for sponsoring HJR 11 which calls for the legislature to support a Constitutional Amendment to overturn the Citizens United decision. There is far too much money spent on political campaigns and we need to curtail it. The time spent by politicians soliciting funds is outrageous and I dislike the idea that money is so crucial to winning an election.

HJR 11 would put us on the road to correct this.

I am a long time resident of Anchorage - some 40 years, and live at 4704 Kenai Ave. And, I always vote!

Please help our country do the right thing. Let's work for that Constitutional amendment and for a fair and reasonable election process.

Ruth Sheridan
4704 Kenai Ave.
Anchorage 99508

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Joni Bruner <tammyaveak@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 11:51 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Support for HJR 11

My name is Joni Bruner. I live in Anchorage, Alaska. I have lived in Alaska for almost 13 years. I am currently an Activist, and have worked on Healthcare and other public issues. I am a non violent civil disobedient. I have worked as an event coordinator for my own business, and I have worked as a Health Unit Coordinator in Hospital settings for about 20 years.

I support HJR 11 because Corporations are not people. Corporations are double dipping and buying elections is not fair or equitable. It is time to make changes to our system that level the playing field. I believe in publicly funded elections. It is unfair to ask our elected officials to raise money, and expect them not to do favors based on the money given. Lets have public funds go towards elections, and give our elected officials time to do their jobs, rather then begging for money.

Respectfully Yours

Joni Bruner
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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Laura Oden <oden.laura@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 6:19 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Good morning.

My name is Laura Oden. I am a 24 year resident of Alaska mostly in Spenard. I have worked in Alaska Native healthcare for the past 12 years, in addition to been deeply involved in both local entrepreneurship and the local arts community.

Our current dire circumstances in the US are directly linked to the disastrous case of Citizens United. Our public institutions, our government functionality and my ability to have one vote for one person have been mauled by this Supreme Court decision.

I personally started a corporation for my current business. I hope I am successful, but there is no conceivable way that my corporation should be equal to my voice as a human being, as Laura Oden. My personal rights and my vote, as Laura Oden, have been assaulted by this Supreme Court decision. Congress needs to do the right thing and overturn this abomination.

Respectfully yours,
Laura Oden
3398 Outta Place
Anchorage, AK

Magdalena Oliveros

From: John Dickerson <jdickerson.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 7:50 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Fwd: Support for HJR 11

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From: John Dickerson <jdickerson.ak@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 7:27 AM
Subject: Support for HJR 11
To: Magdalena.Oliveros@akleg.gov, anchorage@movetoamend.org

Dear Rep. Tarr,

My name is John Dickerson. I am a 64 year old life-long Alaskan now residing in Chugiak. I work as an engineer and project manager for a small engineering consulting firm.

I support Bill HJR 11 for the elimination of Corporate Personhood in Alaska. As I understand it, "Corporate Personhood" is the legal fantasy underpinning an unfortunate line of Supreme Court decisions dating back to the 1800's. The result of this series of controversial court decisions has been to grant a wide array of civil liberties, not to human beings, but to corporations, an artificial and abstract legal entity. These very same civil liberties were originally granted only to citizens (actual persons) of the United States in the US Constitution and Bill of Rights, documents in which the term "corporation" is never mentioned. These legal precedents culminated in the disastrous 2010 Citizens United decision, which expanded corporations' first amendment rights of freedom of speech while simultaneously equating free speech with spending unlimited amounts of shareholder money on political campaigns. What exactly is corporate personhood? To quote William Meyers, "Slavery is the legal fiction that a person is property. Corporate Personhood is the legal fiction that property is a person." I am certain of one thing...slavery to corporations will not be a fiction unless "Corporate Personhood" is overturned. I believe we need to return corporations to their rightful role as a servant to society, not its master. We need to remove the rights granted to them by rogue, activist court-based decisions and replace them with laws and regulations adopted by due process.

Respectfully Yours,
John Dickerson
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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Lei B <lxb312@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 12:19 PM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Cc: anchorage@movetoamend.org
Subject: Support for HJR 11

Rep. Tarr,

My name is Lejla Berberovic and I'm a Clinical Social Worker(LCSW) who has been working and living in Alaska for the past 6 years, with no intention of moving out of state.

I want to express my support for HJR 11, because I think candidates should be governing rather than fundraising, since candidates have to spend up to 30% of their work time raising funds.

Respectfully Yours,
Lejla Berberovic, LCSW

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Sent from my iPhone

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Tim MacMillan <timcmlln@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Support for HJR 11

I am a retired accountant who has lived in Alaska since 1968 when my family moved to Kotzebue. I currently live in mid town Anchorage at 2286 Sorbus Way.

I support this bill. The money in politics because of Citizens United is hurting our democracy. I fear our legislators many times have to heed the voices of the few with money versus voices of ordinary people. And I think this is contributing to the growing inequality in our country. Linda MacMillan

Magdalena Oliveros

From: Scott Goldsmith <goldsmith.scott@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:45 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Support for HJR 11

I support this bill in the legislature to ask the federal government to overturn the US Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, thereby restoring free and fair elections in the United States.

The Citizens United decision has led to the rise of SuperPACS which are allowed to raise and spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns. This has supercharged the influence of the biggest corporations and wealthiest individuals in the political process and essentially disenfranchised ordinary citizens.

Oliver Goldsmith

6035 Bluebell Drive

Anchorage, Alaska

Retired 42 year Alaska resident

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Magdalena Oliveros

From: Yvonne Goldsmith <yvonne.goldsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 10:05 AM
To: Magdalena Oliveros
Subject: Support for HJR 11

I support this bill in the legislature to ask the federal government to overturn the US Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, in order to restore free and fair elections in the United States.

The effective outcome of this Supreme Court decision is to enable wealthy individuals and their corporate brethren (who often act as proxies for the personal interests of the CEOs) to channel substantial sums of money towards political campaigns, giving them an unfair advantage over ordinary citizens. This is not reflective of a democratic system and goes against the spirit of the Constitution. In my opinion, the Supreme Court's ruling was based on a narrow interpretation of the Constitution and did not foresee the rise of SuperPACs. Citizens United encourages a system where votes are bought, not earned, and channels power to the monied class.

Yvonne Wu Goldsmith
6035 Bluebell Drive, Anchorage Alaska 99516

Retired, 42 year Alaska resident