

CITY OF BAKER CITY



Meeting Date: June 26, 2012

Type of Action Requested:

Agenda Item: 6

Resolution No. # 3680

Agenda Title: Resolution supporting Constitutional Amendment to regulate campaign contributions

Ordinance No.

Formal Action/Motion

Other: Information

Action Statement

A local group known as Concerned Citizens of Baker City has prepared a Resolution for the City Council to consider. The Resolution asks that the Council support the group's effort to have a U.S. Constitution amendment to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures.

Background

Barbara Johnson, spokesman, for Concerned Citizens of Baker City has provided a cover letter, a Resolution for Council consideration, and several pages of Baker City citizen signatures.

Analysis

According to the material provided by Concerned Citizens of Baker City an Amendment to the United States Constitution is necessary to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures within the United States. According to the material several other City Governments have supported such an initiative. The material asks that the Baker City Council support their efforts to urge Oregon's Federal Senators and Representatives to support the amendment.

Alternatives

The Council can either support or not support the Resolution.

Recommendation

No recommendation by staff.

Is this recommendation supported by an advisory committee? Check those that apply:

- Airport Commission
- Golf Board
- Historic District Design Review Committee
- Planning Commission
- Public Works Advisory Committee
- Transient Lodging Tax Committee
- Tree Board
- Other:
- Not Applicable
- No. Explanation:

Suggested Motions

I move that the Council adopt Resolution # 3680, A Resolution of the Baker City Council urging Oregon's members of Congress to approve and Oregon's Legislature to support, an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which gives Congress and the States the authority to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures for Federal and State elections.

Prepared by: Mike Kee

CONCERNED CITIZENS OF BAKER CITY
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June 11, 2012

Baker City Council
City Hall
1655 First Street
Baker City, OR 97814

Dear Baker City Councilors,

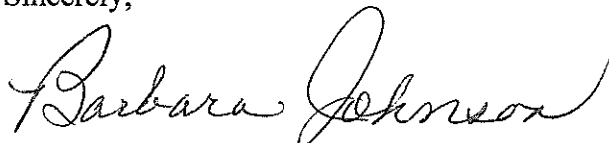
Re: Proposed Council Resolution

A proposed City Council Resolution is attached which urges a Constitutional amendment minimizing the effect of money on our political elections. Additionally, petition sheets signed by over one-hundred residents are attached, indicating citizen support for this proposal. The proposed resolution is modeled after a resolution passed recently in Ashland, Oregon, and modified by a public forum in Baker City on April 26th. We encourage its adoption.

We trust the proposed resolution speaks for itself, but want to comment that we can imagine no greater step that could be taken to hand democracy back to We the People of the United States. It's as if the Supreme Court did us all a favor with the *Citizens United* decision, by allowing such a dramatic and unacceptable surge of campaign donations by a few, extremely wealthy contributors. Ordinary citizens have become galvanized to reverse this and at the same time overcome the already corrupting influence of money in politics in a comprehensive and meaningful way.

While this proposal can have no influence on this November's elections, we are greatly encouraged by the widespread, bipartisan movement to overturn *Citizens United*. "Super PACs" are opposed by 69% of American adults. We see this as a most heartening example of how crucial problems can get solved when We the People get together to solve them!

Sincerely,



Barbara Johnson

Spokesperson, Concerned Citizens of Baker City

RESOLUTION NO. 3680

A RESOLUTION OF THE BAKER CITY COUNCIL URGING OREGON'S MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO APPROVE – AND OREGON'S LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT – AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH GIVES CONGRESS AND THE STATES THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, There is widespread, bipartisan national interest in fair electoral processes for candidates and measures; and

WHEREAS, Previous federal and state legislative measures to regulate campaign financing were largely invalidated by the 2010 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* and subsequent federal court decisions; and

WHEREAS, The consequences of *Citizens United* exacerbate the already pervasive influence of money in politics and could well increase the distortion and corruption of electoral and governing processes and loss of citizen confidence in federal, state, and local democratic institutions; and

WHEREAS, *Citizens United* was based largely on a finding that political contributions are protected under the First Amendment's Free Speech Clause, thus making it necessary to enact a Constitutional amendment to remedy *Citizens United*; and

WHEREAS, Some Members of Congress, including Senators Merkley and Wyden, and others are attempting to gather support for a Constitutional amendment authorizing Congress and the states to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Expressions of widespread, bipartisan, grassroots support for efforts to reverse *Citizens United* have already come from over 200 cities (including Portland, Eugene, and Ashland, Oregon), three states, and 17 state attorneys general; and additional such expressions are needed to increase the prospects for passage of a Constitutional amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Baker City, Oregon, to approve Resolution #3680, A RESOLUTION OF THE BAKER CITY COUNCIL URGING OREGON'S MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO APPROVE – AND OREGON'S LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT – AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH GIVES CONGRESS AND THE STATES THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTIONS

PASSED by the City Council of Baker City, Oregon, and signed by the Mayor of Baker City, Oregon, this 26th day of June, 2012.

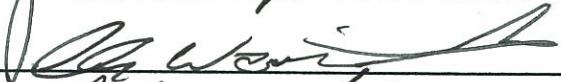
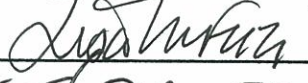



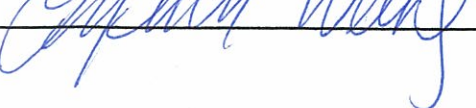
Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Recorder

CONCERNED CITIZENS OF BAKER CITY

We, the undersigned are in favor of a Constitutional amendment allowing Congress to regulate campaign contributions.

NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	Y
Diane Wood	2540 3rd St.	Baker	
John C. Gray	2406 2nd St	Baker	
	2407 1st	BAKER	
Melissa Johnson	2407 1st.	Baker	
Carmen M. Hoan	2494 2nd	Baker	
	2406 Second	Baker	
	2304 2nd St.	Baker	
	2307 2nd St	Baker	
Kathleen Anderson	2304 1st St.	Baker	
	2315 2nd	Baker	
Sandra Byrne	2325 1st St	Baker City	
KYLE BYRNE	2325 1st St	BAKER CITY	
Barbara L. White	3198 N 3rd St	BAKER CITY	
M. B. Fung	3015 N. 2nd St	Baker City, OR.	
	1910 Myrtle St	Baker City, OR	

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NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	YE
Doreen Weston	1000 Park St	Baker City OR	
McColland	2335 First St	Baker City, OR	
Blum	2335 1st	Baker City, OR	
J. W. [unclear]	3190 N. 3rd St.	BAKER CITY, OR	
Betty Combs	930 Petry Ln.	Baker City	
Sister Kay Marie Lunn	1340 Broadway	Baker City	
Dee Jean Haskell	3070 N. 3rd St	Baker City	
North Cassidy	955 Elkhorn Dr.	Baker City	
Dorothy Anderson	1660 East St.	Baker City	
Gloria Cole	4020 Kurling	Baker City	
Donna & Ryder	1985 Campbell	Baker City	
Kam & Woodland	3045 Walnut St.	Baker City	
Carmen M. O'H	2615 College St	Baker City	
Maureen Jean	1700 W 5th	Baker City	
Virginia K. Kestel	3115 N Second St	Baker City	

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NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	YE
Shirley Robson	1035 F St.	Baker City, Or.	
Sandra S. Goner	2365 4th St.	Baker City, OR	
Melita Sherwin	2291 2nd	Baker City, OR	
Lanette L. Clungin	3975 Indiana Ave	Baker City, OR	
Shannon Sullivan	2533 Kenwood Tr	Baker City, OR	
Mae Culver	1615 Third Street	Baker City, OR	
Zena Edwards	2490 D St	Baker City, Or.	
Carol Giannetti	3615 Birch	Baker City, OR	
Jackie Phillips	888 View Court	B. C. OR	
Ann Dennis	3560 Indiana	Baker City OR	
Jean Day	2839 3rd	Baker City, OR	
Karen Rogers	895 D Street	B.C., OR	
Kath VanG	2915 Valley	Be, OR	
Sarah E. Long	1103 F	Baker City, OR	
Wendy Franzel	3580 Grandview	BC, OR	

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NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
Dorothy Cassidy	312 Hillcrest Place	Baker City
Freida P. George	1805 Church St	Baker City, OR
Beloras Dickison	1345 Madison	Baker City, Or.
Aradine Abbott	43025 Old Trail Rd.	Baker City, Or.
Randa Hussin	1149 Church St.	Baker City OR
47012 Raeppdale	1825 main st	Baker City OR.
Harriet Gibson	15287 Sumpter Stage Hwy	Baker City OR 97814
Jewel P. Gilcher	2880 - 2nd St	Baker City Or. 97814
Angieletta Clark	2940 Hillcrest Dr	Baker City, Or 97814
Danae I Simonski	2631 Washington Ave	Baker City, 97814
Ko Johnson	2386 2nd St	Baker City, OR
Paul H.	1533 Valley	Baker city, OR
Lucella Thomason	1590 Indiana Ave	Baker City OR
Susan C. Hingst	940 F St.	Baker City, OR.
Barbara J. Prowell	2290 Grove St.	Baker City, OR

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NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
Marshall McCormick <i>Marshall McCormick</i>	1641 Washington	Baker City
Donna Landon	1641 Washington Ave.	Baker City
Peggy Timm	256 Hillcrest Circle	Baker City
Edward R Moran	1720 Auburn Ave BC	
Roxanne Swann	3050 Grove St.	Baker City
Suzanne Mose	1720 Auburn Ave	Baker City
Craig Martell	25050 Ancker Cr Op	Baker City
Candye Kuleg	1813 Main St.	BCity
Julie Johnson	P.O. 25/ 811 Wilcox	Haines
Candye Lars	2042 East St.	Baker City
Dave Langouski	14312 Pine CR Ln	BC
Ramon Lara	2042 East St.	B.C.
Bruce Raffety	1198 D St.	B.C.
MIKE THORNTON	2495 RESORT ST.	B.C.
Gay Dushman	1515 4th	Baker City

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NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
DILDA Buseiglio	805 "F" ST	BC, OR 97814
MARIE Colombari	1950 MYRTLE ST	BC, OR 97814
Ruth C. Ballo	1975 Grove	Baker City, 97814
Marlene Maher	975 B St	Baker City, 97814
David R. Thomas	42850 LINDLEY RD	BAKER CITY 97814
DONALD L. WILLIAMS	43871 WINGVILLE CSM. RD	Baker City, OR
Jerry Howard	1710 16th St. Baker City	Baker City OR
MARCIA COOK	3280 WALNUT ST.	B. C.
Elizabeth Pagnon	42659 SUNNYSLOPE RD	Baker City, OR
Betty Kuhl	1340 Hughes Lane	Baker City, Or.
Betty Durren	15450-Durren Lane	Baker City OR

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NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	Y
Bruce Raffety	1198 D St.	Baker City	✓
Roger M. Chase	385 Spring Garden	Baker City	✓
Charlene Chase	385 Spring Garden	Baker City	
Wanda W. Raffety	1198 D St.	Baker City	
RICHARD A. BERG	3450 CAMPBELL ST.	BAKER CITY	✓
KELSEY EASTMAN	3450 Campbell St.	Baker City OR	⊗
IRVING M. TOWNSEND	18872 Greenridge Dr	Baker City, OR 97814	>
Susan Townsend	18872 Greenridge Dr	Baker City, OR	>

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NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	YE
Peggy Timony	956 Hillcrest Circle	Baker City	
James Thomas	956 Hillcrest Circle	Baker City	
James Thomas	2250 15TH ST	Baker city	
Aubrey Miller	1555 Ash St.	Baker City	
Margaret West	2319 Balm St	Baker City	
Roxanna Swann	3050 Grove St.	Baker City	
Ann M. Martell	770 Foothill Dr.	Baker City	

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NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	YI
Carolyn Kuleg Duplicate	1813 Main St	Baker City	c
Suzanne Fouty / Suzannefouty	2518 Valley Ave	Baker City	v
Charlotte Sumner	3145 Elm St.	B.C.	v

