RESOLUTION NO. 2914-12

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
URGING CONGRESS TO PROPOSE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
REGARDING CORPORATE PERSONHOOD TO LIMIT POLITICAL
SPENDING BY CORPORATIONS

WHEREAS, the greatest threat to authentic democratic self-governance comes from the
fact that corporations have been defined as legal persons; and

WHEREAS, persons are rightfully recognized as human beings whose essential needs
include clean air, clean water, and safe and secure food; and

WHEREAS, the granting of constitutional protections to corporations has compromised
our communities, economy, democracy and natural world in many ways; and

WHEREAS, corporations are human-made legal fictions, while human citizens are the
source of all legitimate power in any democracy; and

WHEREAS, corporations need only profit for survival, and that such profit and survival
are often in direct conflict with the essential needs and rights of human beings; and

WHEREAS, the great wealth of large corporations allows them to wield coercive force
of law to overpower human beings and communities, thus denying citizens’ exercise of
our Constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the great wealth of large corporations enables them to amass great power
disproportionate to that of human beings; and

WHEREAS, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution, and the people never
granted constitutional rights to corporations, while individual judges and courts have
misguidedly done so; and

WHEREAS, the rollback of the legal limits to corporate spending in elections creates an
unequal playing field enabling corporations to unduly influence elections, candidate
selection, and policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, large corporations own most of America’s mass media and use that media
as a megaphone for their own agendas, drowning out human voices; and

WHEREAS, defining property as people is fundamentally wrong and a threat to the
constitutional rights of human beings; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noreen Evans, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has
introduced SB 982, a bill to require corporate political speech be public.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Windsor joins the millions of citizens, grassroots organizations and local governments across America in calling for an Amendment to the Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, that human beings are not corporations, that only the people are entitled to constitutional rights, and that the rights of human beings will never again be granted to fictitious entities or property.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS SALMON, SCHOLAR AND MAYOR FUDGE
NOES: VICE MAYOR GOBLE
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN
ABSENT: NONE

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DEBORA FUDGE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK