RESOLUTION NO. 2012-07

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REGULATION
OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

RECITALS:

A. The City has an interest in fair electoral processes for candidates and measures;

B. Previous federal and state legislative measures to regulate campaign financing were largely invalidated by the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission;

C. The consequences of Citizens United could well be distortion and corruption of electoral and governing processes and loss of citizen confidence in federal, state, and local democratic institutions;

D. Some Members of Congress and others are attempting to gather support for a constitutional amendment authorizing Congress and the states to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures; and

E. Expressions of support for efforts to reverse the adverse consequences of Citizens United increase the prospects for passage of such a constitutional amendment.

THE CITY OF ASHLAND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Ashland urges Oregon's Members of Congress to approve an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to give Congress and the states the authority to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures on federal and state elections.

This resolution was duly PASSED and ADOPTED this 6 day of March, 2012, and takes effect upon signing by the Mayor.

Barbara Christensen, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this 7 day of March, 2012.

Reviewed as to form:

David H. Lohman, City Attorney