

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-55**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, TO SUPPORT AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO RESTORE THE PEOPLE'S POWER TO LIMIT CORPORATE AND UNION INFLUENCE IN ELECTIONS AND POLICYMAKING.**

**WHEREAS** The U.S. Supreme Court in the *Citizens United* and related cases has held that corporations have the same rights as citizens with regard to free speech and has equated the spending of money to speech; and

**WHEREAS** the Supreme Court has interpreted this to mean that corporations may spend unlimited amounts of money to support or oppose candidates for public office, so long as the corporations do not give their funds directly to a candidate's campaign; and

**WHEREAS** this has led to the formation of Super Political Action Committees (PACs ) that can and have spent millions of dollars to support or oppose candidates for public office; and .

**WHEREAS** these Super PACs, unions, and other organizations have been spending money to influence Local and State election campaigns, as well as those for Federal offices, and thereby can influence elections and elected officials at all levels of government - Local, State and Federal; and

**WHEREAS** Claremont City elections are vulnerable to just such expenditures by Super PACs, unions, or other organizations created specifically to influence our City elections; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE**, that the Claremont City Council joins with a growing list of cities, counties, and states in urging our Congressional Representatives and Senators to propose an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that supports the following four principles:

1. Only people, are citizens - corporations, unions and other entities do not have the same rights as citizens to political speech.

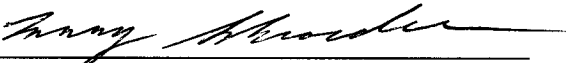
2. Money is not speech and the right to spend money is not equivalent to the right of free speech.

3. The people, as citizens, working through their governments at every level, have the right to regulate the amount of money that is contributed directly or indirectly to electoral campaigns by individuals, corporations, unions, and all other organizations.

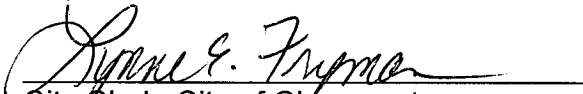
4. The people as citizens have the right to require that all such contributions are publicly reported in a timely manner and are "on the record" to insure the transparency required for a democracy to function properly.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that 1) the Claremont City Council pledges to support the ratification of a congressionally proposed constitutional amendment that effectively addresses the above four principles and 2) City Staff shall cause this Resolution to be forwarded to all regional, state and federal elected representatives serving the citizens of Claremont.

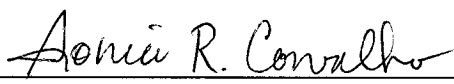
**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

  
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Mayor, City of Claremont

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, City of Claremont

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney, City of Claremont

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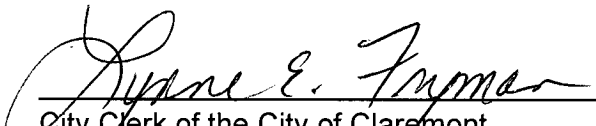
I, Lynne E. Fryman, City Clerk of the City of Claremont, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2012-55 was regularly adopted by the City Council of said City of Claremont at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:                    COUNCILMEMBERS:   PEDROZA, LYONS, SCHROEDER

NOES:                    COUNCILMEMBERS:   NASIALI

ABSTENSIONS:        COUNCILMEMBERS:   CALAYCAY

ABSENT:                COUNCILMEMBERS:   NONE

  
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City Clerk of the City of Claremont