RESOLUTION NO. 2013-3207

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA

EXPRESSING CONCERN WITH THE CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION RULING BY THE SUPREME COURT AND CALLING ON THE UNITED
STATES CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THE PROTECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO
EFFECTIVELY EXPRESS HIMSELF OR HERSELF BY ENSURING AN ORDERLY
POLITICAL FORUM

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are essential to American democracy and effective
self-governance; and

WHEREAS, in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (hereinafter referred to
as Citizens United), the United States Supreme Court, in a 5 to 4 vote, held that governments
could not restrict political independent expenditures by corporations, associations, or labor
unions—a decision that allows for unlimited contributions in elections by these entities; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens United decision supersedes state and local efforts to regulate
corporate activity in their local campaign finance laws; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, the City of Los Angeles, and the City of San Diego
have adopted resolutions opposing the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution in
Citizens United and supporting Constitutional amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemon Grove has a history of demonstrating support for an
orderly political forum in which individuals may express themselves effectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemon
Grove, California hereby:

1. Respectfully disagrees with the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution in
Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission regarding the rights of corporations,
associations and labor unions; and

2. Calls on the United States Congress to begin a process to protect an individual's
right to effectively express himself or herself by ensuring an orderly political forum.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California on July 16, 2013, by the following vote:

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MARY TERESA SESSOM, Mayor

Attest:

SUSAN GARCIA, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

I, Susan Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Lemon Grove, California do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2013-3207 duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited.

SUSAN GARCIA, City Clerk