

RESOLUTION NO. 12- 200

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUBMITTING A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE
REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF PUEBLO AT THE GENERAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

WHEREAS, in January, 2010, in the case of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 vote, overturned long-standing campaign finance laws restricting corporate political expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens United decision has resulted in the creation of "Super PAC's" which can accept unlimited campaign contributions from anonymous corporations and individuals for the purpose of influencing local, state and national elections; and

WHEREAS, a general election will be held in the County of Pueblo, State of Colorado, on Tuesday, November 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, at that election, the Board of County Commissioners of Pueblo County, Colorado, desire to submit a ballot question to the registered electors of the County of Pueblo that will allow voters to instruct their federal and state legislators to overturn the Citizens United decision by adding an amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, a similar ballot measure was referred to the electors of the City of Boulder on November 1, 2011 and was passed with 74% of the electors voting in favor of the measure; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to set the ballot title and ballot text to be submitted at the election called by this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pueblo County, Colorado, that:

1. A General Election shall be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at which there shall be submitted to the eligible electors of Pueblo County a ballot question as follows:

FORM OF BALLOT QUESTION:

BALLOT QUESTION I-A: RECLAIM OUR RIGHTS

Do you want to instruct Pueblo's congressional representatives to propose and support, and Pueblo's State legislators to ratify, an Amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that:

- The inherent rights of mankind recognized under the United States Constitution belong to natural human beings only, and not to legally created entities, such as corporations; and
- Money is not speech, and therefore, limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

For the Measure _____


Against the Measure _____

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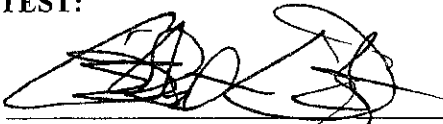
2. The election shall be conducted as a coordinated election in the County in accordance with articles 1 to 13 of title 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended (the "Uniform Election Code"). For purposes of the provisions of the Uniform Election Code relating to the "Designated Election Official" of the County, the County Clerk and Recorder (the "County Clerk") is hereby designated as the County's Designated Election Official.
3. All acts required or permitted by the Uniform Election Code relevant to voting by early voters' ballots, absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots, which are to be performed by the designated election official, shall be performed by the County Clerk.
4. For purposes of Section 1-11-203.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, this Resolution shall serve to set the ballot title for such ballot question and shall be the text of the ballot question itself.
5. The officers and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July 2012, in Pueblo County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

By: 
Anthony Nuñez, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Gilbert Ortiz, County Clerk