

RESOLUTION NO. 744

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

WHEREAS, As the Mayor and members of the Langley City Council, we seek to nurture and expand democracy in our state and in our nation. Free and fair elections are essential to American democracy and effective self-governance. The granting of constitutional protections to non-natural corporate "persons" threatens the rights of living, breathing persons to have their voices heard. Corporations should not have a constitutionally protected right to donate unregulated amounts of money to political campaigns.

WHEREAS, Corporations are legal entities separate and apart from human beings. They can and should be given specific legal rights by Federal, State, and local law, but not the rights of natural, living, breathing persons which are enumerated in the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

In light of these facts, we, the undersigned members of the City Council of Langley and the Mayor of Langley, State of Washington, respectfully urge Congress to prepare and send to the states for adoption, a Constitutional amendment that in effect reverses the 2010 Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision by clarifying that

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are persons under the United States Constitution.
2. Money is not speech and the donation of money to a political campaign is not a form of constitutionally protected speech. Therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political Speech.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, and APPROVED by the Mayor at a regular meeting held this 4th day of June , 2012.

LARRY KWARSICK, Mayor

ATTEST: DEBBIE L. MAHLER, Director of Finance/Clerk