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## **Citizens Applaud TOWN Council Approval of Resolution for a Constitutional Amendment to Curb Corporate Power in Elections**

### ***Amendment Needed to Overturn U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United Ruling; More than 200 Resolutions Have Already Been Passed Nationwide***

**City, STATE** – **TOWN** citizens today applauded the **TOWN COUNCIL** for approving a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment designed to curb corporate influence over elections.

The resolution is one of more than 200 that has been passed since the *Citizens United* ruling in 2010, one of more than 100 passed since the Resolutions Week effort began in March. The effort is being organized by numerous nationwide organizations and elected officials, including Public Citizen, Move to Amend, People For the American Way, U.S. PIRG and Common Cause.

**QUOTE** from **NAME**, an activist or community leader who is working to garner community support for the measure.

**QUOTE** from council member **NAME**, who introduced the resolution in May.

The resolution calls for passage of a constitutional amendment that would overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* ruling, which gave corporations and wealthy individuals the green light to spend unlimited sums on elections. Since the Supreme Court's 2010 ruling, record amounts of money have been spent in races throughout the country.

[insert any pertinent local info here]

**TOWN** is part of a growing movement in which city and town councils, from Los Angeles and New York, to Duluth, Minn., and South Miami, Fla., are calling for a constitutional amendment to curb corporate influence over elections. In addition, voters have approved similar ballot initiatives in cities and towns such as Missoula, Mont., West Allis, Wis., and Boulder, Colo. State legislatures in Hawaii, Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont and New Mexico have called for an amendment as well, and similar resolutions have been introduced in 25 states.

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