

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM XIII



Subject: Resolution #10-15

This Initiative in Support of Movement to Amend the U. S. Constitution to Establish that Corporations, Unions, PACS and super PACS are not People and Money is not Speech was brought before the March 23, 2015 Legislative Committee Meeting.

The Committee made some changes and requested this be brought forth to the City Council for consideration.

Motion: *"I move that the Franklin City Council approves Resolution #10-15 by a roll call vote."*

Mayor calls for a second and the vote.



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RESOLUTION #10-15

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen

A Resolution relating to Initiative in Support of Movement to Amend the U. S. Constitution to Establish that Corporations, Unions, Pacs and Super Pacs are not People and Money is not Speech.

WHEREAS, in reaching its decision, a majority of the Supreme Court interpreted the First Amendment of the Constitution to afford corporations the same free speech protections as natural persons; and

WHEREAS, the Court's decision in effect allows unlimited corporation spending to influence campaigns, elections, lawmaking and public policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Court's decision in Citizens United severely restricts the ability of federal, state and local governments to enact reasonable campaign finance reforms and regulations regarding corporate political activity; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court that are widely deemed to be egregious or wrongly decided or significantly out-of-step with the prevailing values of the populace; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and protection of our democracy depends upon the informed participation of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, local governments have an important role in protecting the integrity of our political process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire supports the Initiative in Support of Movement to Amend the U. S. Constitution to Establish that Corporations, Unions, PACS and Super PACS are not People and Money is not Speech.

Proclaimed By: The Franklin City Council, Franklin, New Hampshire

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Barton	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Boyd	_____	Councilor Giunta	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Wells	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____		

Mayor

A true copy, attest: _____
City Clerk