

**Resolution to
Overturn Citizens United by Constitutional Amendment**

WHEREAS we the people adopted and ratified the United States Constitution to protect the free speech and other rights of individuals, not corporations; and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations (and unions) from spending general treasury funds in our elections; and

WHEREAS Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and related federal court decisions present a serious and direct threat to our nation's republican democracy, while standing in direct contrast to our local Alexandria commitment to good government, civic and civil discourse, and broad participation in local decision-making; and

WHEREAS Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people and states of the United States of America to use the constitution amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and republican self-government; and

WHEREAS the people and states of the United States of America have strengthened the nation and preserved liberty and equality for all by using the amendment process throughout our history, including the overturning of erroneous Supreme Court decisions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ALEXANDRIA DEMOCRATS call upon the all candidates running for election in the November 2019 election, both City and State-wide, support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to reverse Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and related cases and to restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people, and (ii) that constitutional amendment should make clear (a) that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional protections or "rights" of natural persons; (b) that money is not speech; (c) that regulating election-related spending is not the same as limiting political speech; and (d) that Congress and the states may place limits on election contributions and expenditures.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ALL CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ELECTION are strongly urged to sign the following pledge which commits them to limiting the undue influence on money in politics:

I support amending the United States Constitution to 1) secure fair, free elections by limiting the undue influence of money in politics; 2) protect the rights of all Americans to equal participation and representation, rather than overrepresentation of donors and special interests; and 3) protect the unalienable liberty of people rather than new privileges for the largest corporations, unions, and special interests; and

I pledge to use my office to advance such an Amendment in the ways and means available to me as a public official, including, but not limited to: sponsoring or cosponsoring bills, resolutions, or other legislation advancing proposal or ratification of such a 28th Amendment; voting in favor of such bills and resolutions in committee, subcommittee, floor or other votes; working to build cross-partisan support; and publicly advocating for the necessity of such an Amendment."

PASSED and APPROVED this RESOLUTION on this _____ day of _____ 2018.