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November 5, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Overturn the Supreme Court Decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of October 22, 2013, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By

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Deputy City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING A
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO OVERTURN THE
SUPREME COURT DECISION IN *CITIZENS UNITED v.*
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* ("*Citizens United*"), the United States Supreme Court held that independent spending on elections by corporations and other groups could not be limited by government regulation, a decision that allows for unlimited corporate spending in elections; and

WHEREAS, the *Citizens United* decision supersedes state and local efforts to regulate corporate activity in their elections; and

WHEREAS, members of Congress are seeking to amend the Constitution in order to reverse the *Citizens United* decision and establish that corporations are not entitled to the entirety of constitutional protections afforded to natural persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach urges Congress to propose and support, and the State legislature to ratify, a Constitutional amendment to reverse the *Citizens United* ruling and enable the people, through their elected representatives, to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures in all elections at the federal, state and local levels.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach directs the City Manager to forward copies of this resolution to our elected representative in Congress and the State Legislature.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

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by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2013, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk