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Rampart
Village
neighborhood council



RAMPART VILLAGE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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RAMPART VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Jan 28, 2013

To: Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.

City Hall Office, 200 N. Spring Street, Room 430

Los Angeles, CA 90012

From: Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC)
155 N. Occidental Blvd, Suite 236
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Re: RVNC supports overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood

Dear Council President Wesson,

Be advised that the above mentioned Neighborhood Council on Tuesday, Nov.15, 2011 in a (8-0-0) unanimously passed motion where we all agreed that:

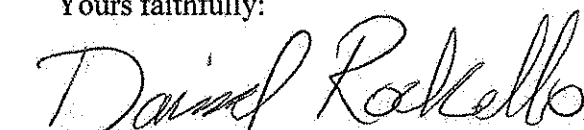
The Rampart Village Neighborhoods Council members believe that the Supreme Court is misguided in principle, and wrong on the law. In a democracy, the authority of the government is derived from its citizens and as such, the citizens rule.

Furthermore, the Rampart Village Neighborhoods Council requests that the City of Los Angeles join with other municipalities across the nation in passing the overturning of *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Therefore, we now ask that you:

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours faithfully:


David Rockello, President
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning Citizens United and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
Caryl Davis
caryldavis@earthlink.net

2616 Naples Avenue
Venice 90291

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
Roshni Ashok
roshnias@usc.edu

3335 S Figueroa St
Los Angeles, CA 90007

January 28, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

I am unable to attend the hearing, but wanted to ask that you please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
Deborah Favorite

2222 Prosser Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90064

deborahfavorite@yahoo.com

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

January 28, 2013

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
David Lancon
Tujunga, CA
drangersings@gmail.com

January 25, 2013

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200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

It is time to take back our democracy. Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

In Solidarity,
Liz

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"Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed citizens to change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has." --Margaret Mead

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers

Los Angeles City Clerk

January 28, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
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Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood. I'd like our city to stand strong on this matter.

Joan Easley
Woodland Hills
joaneasley@yahoo.com

January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson and Council Members,

California and the rest of the country could be very influenced by how the City Council and the L. A. voters feel about corporate money's huge involvement in our present electorate system.

Please support the motion placing on the May 2013 ballot the Citizens United big question as proposed by Councilman Alarcon.

Thanks very much for listening and for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Gene Burke
Woodland Hills, CA resident

January 25, 2013

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,
Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
BURTON W FARBER
burtonfrb@att.net
Sherman Oaks, CA, 91401

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

January 27, 2013

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Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood. Our democracy is in peril, with the power of the Corporations and moneyed interests drowning out the voices of our citizens.

Yours truly,
Cynthia Fowler
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444 West Ocean Blvd Suite 800
Long Beach. Ca 90802

Business owner- International Design Source
Eboard member of YES WE CAN Democratic Club

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Los Angeles City Clerk

YES WE CAN!
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ROBERT LUJAN <ralujan@sbcglobal.net>

12:03 PM (22 hours ago)

FROM: Robert Lujan (ralujan@sbcglobal.net)

DATE: January 27, 2013

Please eliminate corporate personhood.

Sincerely,
M.G.Lujan
626 289-6259

621 W. Roses Rd.
San Gabriel Ca. 91775

January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning Citizens United and eliminating corporate personhood. I am confident that the citizens of the United States would vote to overturn this misguided decision if they are given the chance.

Yours truly,
Nancy Evans
Venice, CA 90291

January 26, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Respectfully,
Lizet Lau

1518 E. Wilson Avenue, Apt. 12
Glendale, CA 91206
lizlau_nica@yahoo.com

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

January 26, 2013

What an opportunity for L.A. to weigh in on such an historic decision!!

PLEASE GET IT ON THE BALLOT!!

Susan Soto-Campos
12066 Lucile Street
Culver City, CA 90230

I am a taxpayer in Los Angeles; some anomaly of the Post Office put our neighborhood in Culver City. My kids go to LAUSD schools.

January 26, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
Richard Dante
11467 ½ Washington Place
Los Angeles 90066

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

January 26, 2013

As a resident, for 73 years, I urge The City Attorney and Councilmembers collectively to place on the May ballot.

Constituents need to trust their democracy for the people and not corporations!

Thank You,
Ashtonell Smith
ashtonsmith001@ca.rr.com

January 25, 2013

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200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
Dawn Lyon

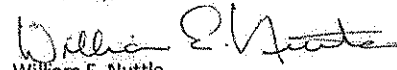
Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

January 25, 2013

Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,
Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,



William E. Nuttle
2497 Wellesley Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

January 27, 2013

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,

Esther Levy

91401

estherkale@aol.com

January 27, 2013

Dear Council Members,

The effort to overturn *Citizens United* benefits all of us, giving us equal voices in policy matters across the U.S. Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Many thanks,
Mark Overbaugh
750 S. Spaulding Ave. #228
Los Angeles, CA 90036
323.653.5397

January 27, 2013

Dear Becca,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on May, 2013 ballot the question of overturning **Citizens United** to eliminate corporate personhood.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
(Ms) Patricia J. Crother
pcrother@csjla.org

1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles, CA 90019-3523

January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
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200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,
Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.
Yours truly,
Tom Camarella

Elected to the CDP Executive Committee from 54th AD
Elected Delegate for CDP 54th Assembly District
President Emeritus, Culver City Democratic Club

4170 1/2 Madison Avenue, Culver City, CA 90232;
Phone: 310-836-7557 (between 9 am & 9 pm any day),
Tom4CulverCity@aol.com

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

January 26, 2013

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200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
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Mr Wesson,

I am requesting that you please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place, on the May 2013 ballot, the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood. This will be a big step for US Citizens in keeping our country a country by and for the people.

Yours truly,
Albert Castillo
albert@multi-partisan.com
430 S Fairfax Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90036

January 25, 2013

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Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,

Barry Jaffe
Venice, CA
mimeflu@gmail.com

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

January 28, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
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Dear Council President Wesson:

Please support Council Member Alarcon's motion to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood. I think that the ballot language drafted by the City Attorney is understandable and covers the issue in sufficient detail. As the largest American city to take a stand on this issue I'd like to see the city of Los Angeles go to the forefront against corporate personhood and the extraordinary amount of money in politics that *Citizens United* has engendered.

Yours truly,
Bill Eisen
Los Angeles, CA

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

January 28, 2013

Dear Council President Wesson and L.A. City Council,

Please support Councilman Alarcon's motion for a May 2013 ballot question regarding amending the Constitution to establish limits on campaign spending and corporate rights.

Yours truly,

Gene Silvers

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Los Angeles, CA 90027

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gene90027@gmail.com

January 27, 2013

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200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,
Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
Linda Demmers
Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council
President
District A Representative
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ldemmers@ggpnc.org

soro
south robertson
neighborhoods council



Doug Fitzsimmons
President

Brian Kite
Vice-President

Terrence Gomes
Treasurer

Nick Burkhart
Secretary

Councilmember Paul Koretz
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 440
Los Angeles CA 90012

7 September 2011

Dear Councilmember Koretz:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council requests that the City of Los Angeles join with other municipalities across the nation in passing a non-binding resolution which calls for amending the U.S. Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech and that human beings, not corporations, are entitled to constitutional rights.

On January 21, 2010, with its ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the Supreme Court ruled that corporations are persons, entitled by the U.S. Constitution to unduly influence elections.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council members believe that the Supreme Court is misguided in principle, and wrong on the law. In a democracy, the authority of the government is derived from its citizens and as such, the citizens rule. If we wish to limit corporate campaign contributions, it is our right to do so.

We agree with Justice John Paul Stevens who stated in his dissenting opinion that the Court's opinion is "a rejection of the common sense of the American people, who have recognized a need to prevent corporations from undermining self government since the founding, and who have fought against the distinctive corrupting potential of corporate electioneering since the days of Theodore Roosevelt. . . . While American democracy is imperfect, few outside the majority of this Court would have thought its flaws included a dearth of corporate money in politics."

Sincerely,

Doug Fitzsimmons
President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

**South Robertson
Neighborhoods Council**

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 City of Los Angeles Certified
Neighborhood Council

January 27, 2013

Dear Ms. Becca Doten,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning Citizens United and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
Nathalie Sami
nsami@usc.edu
642 W 35th St
Los Angeles CA 90007

January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.

City Hall Office

200 N. Spring Street, Room 430

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,

Judy Hopkins

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers

Los Angeles City Clerk

January 28, 2013

Becca,

Please advise your councilmember that I fully support the above item on the Los Angeles City council agenda, and thank him for his support.

Barry E. Levine
barrylevine@gmail.com
8838 David Avenue
Los Angeles, CA. 90034

From: Arsalan Ziazie <aziazie@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2013 08:21:35 -0800
Subject: Overturning Citizens United

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.

City Hall Office

200 N. Spring Street, Room 430

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly, arsalan ziazie

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers

Los Angeles City Clerk

Afran37@aol.com Afran37@aol.com
Monday, January 28, 2013

HON Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office

200 N. Spring Street, Room 430

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
Germaine Abensour

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

Overturn Citizens United!

1 message

Jon Bush <jonbushfilms@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 29, 2013 at 8:13 AM

Please ask the City Council members to put the resolution to overturn Citizens United on the May ballot.

Corporations have unprecedented power in politics - this is a country for the people, NOT the corporations!

Thanks,

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Jon Bush

To: Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

January 29, 2013

From: Greg Vignolle
12068 Culver Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90066

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.
Yours truly,


Greg Vignolle

cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

Support Overturning Citizens United

1 message

Steve DeGrootd <wantok84@hotmail.com>

Mon, Jan 28, 2013 at 6:11 PM

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.

City Hall Office

200 N. Spring Street, Room 430

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

PLEASE support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Let the citizens of California decide for themselves by ballot !!!!

Yours truly,
Stephen C. DeGrootd

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers

Los Angeles City Clerk

Overturn Cietizens United

1 message

christopher camilleri <1ccamilleri1@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 28, 2013 at 5:05 PM

January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.

City Hall Office

200 N. Spring Street, Room 430

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning Citizens United and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,
Chris Camilleri
Los Angeles
Citizen and Los Angeles resident

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers

Los Angeles City Clerk

Devorah Cutler Rubenstien devo9@me.com)

January 29, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Please take the money and put it where it is needed. The gross, inconsistent use of fund to protect corporations from sanctions is unconstitutional and whatever loopholes exist to allow corporations the ability to lie, cheat and steal and not suffer the consequences is unacceptable.

Please vote to support MONEY OUT/VOTERS IN COALITION'S POSITION!

Thanks,
Devorah Cutler
8350 Melrose Ave - 8
Los Angeles, CA 90069
Resident of CA
and Los Angeles - in good standing!

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

January 28, 2013

Dear Council President Wesson,

I am asking you to please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the questions of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood. While these may seem to be only national issues, they affect political and policy decisions at all levels of government. This being on our May 2013 ballot is vitally important, so I thank you for taking my request to heart.

Sincerely,



Paulette C. Nuttle

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk

Ruth H. Strauss MD <ruthhstraussmd@earthlink.net>

January 29, 2013

Dear Ms. Doten,

Please support, and encourage others to support, Mr. Alarcon's bid to have Citizen's United overturned and put on the ballot for we Angelenos to vote so that we can have a fair government. We await how you will take our requests. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ruth Strauss
Voter, Los Angeles

Allison Jackson <allisonjackson@aceweb.com>

January 28, 2013

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City Hall Office

200 N. Spring Street, Room 430

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Wesson,

Please support the motion from Council Member Alarcon to place on the May 2013 ballot the question of overturning *Citizens United* and eliminating corporate personhood.

Yours truly,

Allison Jackson

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers

Los Angeles City Clerk

January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430
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Dear Council President Wesson,

Americans have just lived through the most expensive election in the history of the world. Six billion dollars were spent for the presidential election alone, and millions more were spent for senate, congressional, and judicial races. Where is all that money coming from? From the privileged few. In fact, less than 1% of Americans are responsible for 80% of election funding, and while money might not buy love, it sure does buy influence. *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman explains:

"Money in politics has become so pervasive that lawmakers have to spend most of their time raising it, selling their souls to those who have it or defending themselves from the smallest interest groups with deep pockets that can trump the national interest."

This has got to end! We have big problems to solve: climate change, debt reduction, tax reform, financial regulation, and education, health care, and energy reform. This is why it is so important to place this motion on the ballot in Los Angeles. This action is part of re-empowering Americans to take back control of our government through amending the Constitution and restoring our right to regulate the money that is spent in elections. Please vote in favor of the motion and urge all your colleagues to do the same.

Yours truly,
Mary Beth Fielder,
1233 S. Victoria Ave.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90019

Cc: Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Clerk