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January 28, 2012

**RE: Motion to put anti *Citizens United* measure on LA City Ballot – SUPPORT**

Dear Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_,

On behalf of California Common Cause and CALPIRG, please accept this letter of support for Councilmember Alarcon's motion; which would place the question of overturning *Citizens United* on the ballot for the May Municipal Election.

We fully supported the resolution the City Council passed on December 6, 2011 calling for an amendment to the constitution to overturn *Citizens United* and state that corporations are not people. We further supported the Council's vote on January 16<sup>th</sup> to ask the City Attorney to draft the ballot language. We urge City Council to approve this ballot measure— voters in Los Angeles should have a chance to weigh in on this important political issue of our time.

This past November, the state of Colorado and Montana; many parts of Massachusetts; cities of San Francisco, Richmond, Chicago and more passed initiatives that did just that by margins of over 72% or higher. We believe the more voters who speak at the ballot— the more Congress will have to listen to the overwhelming call for reforming our broken campaign finance system and reclaiming democracy and elections for people.

California Common Cause and CALPIRG strongly support putting this on the ballot because the US Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United* has allowed a torrent of unlimited special interest funds into our federal elections, undermining the integrity of our political system and the principle of one person one vote. This initiative would call for the United States Congress to restore constitutional rights and fair elections back to the people and call for an end to corporate personhood.

For these reasons, California Common Cause and CALPIRG look forward to partnering with your office and putting this on the May 21, 2013 ballot. Please contact California Common Cause's LA Organizer at: [akronheim@commoncause.org](mailto:akronheim@commoncause.org) or 213-623-1216 to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Kathay Feng, California Common Cause

Austin Price, CALPIRG

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  
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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,  
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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,  
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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,  
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January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
City Hall Office  
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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

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Los Angeles City Clerk

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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  
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January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 430  
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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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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,  
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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,  
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YES WE CAN!  
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**ROBERT LUJAN** <ralujan@sbcglobal.net>

12:03 PM (22 hours ago)

FROM: Robert Lujan ([ralujan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralujan@sbcglobal.net))

DATE: January 27, 2013

Please eliminate corporate personhood.

Sincerely,  
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January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
City Hall Office  
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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. 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

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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  
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*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

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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  
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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  
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Los Angeles, CA 90064

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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

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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  
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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

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,

[Tom Camarella](#)

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**Elected Delegate for CDP 54th Assembly District**  
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Los Angeles City Clerk

January 26, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
City Hall Office  
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,  
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January 25, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
City Hall Office  
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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,

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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

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,

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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,  
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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

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City of Los Angeles Certified  
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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  
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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  
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