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Councilmember Calls for Constitutional Amendment for Fair Elections
Resolution Requests Reversal of Supreme Court's Citizens United Decision

SAN DIEGO, CA (July 16, 2012) – Councilmember Todd Gloria authored the following Council District Three resolution calling upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to reverse Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.

WHEREAS, the right to free speech afforded by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution is the bedrock of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional right to free speech applies to people, not corporations; and

WHEREAS, corporations very clearly are not people but are entities created by the laws of states and nations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010) 130 S.Ct. 876 disturbingly deemed corporations to be people; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court overturned a longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations from using general treasury funds to influence our elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, since the Citizens United ruling, Americans have witnessed a massive influx of corporate money into our political process that is without precedent in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens United case directly impacts state and local efforts to control the influence of corporate money in their own elections; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens United ruling and its far reaching effects representing serious and direct threats to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution empowers the people and states to use the constitutional amendment process to correct decisions of the Supreme Court; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilmember Todd Gloria, for and on behalf of the people of the City of San Diego's Third Council District, that he hereby respectfully disagrees with the majority opinion and decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and calls upon the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and to restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people.

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