

**RESOLUTION NO. 2914-12**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR  
URGING CONGRESS TO PROPOSE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
REGARDING CORPORATE PERSONHOOD TO LIMIT POLITICAL  
SPENDING BY CORPORATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the greatest threat to authentic democratic self-governance comes from the fact that corporations have been defined as legal persons; and

**WHEREAS**, persons are rightfully recognized as human beings whose essential needs include clean air, clean water, and safe and secure food; and

**WHEREAS**, the granting of constitutional protections to corporations has compromised our communities, economy, democracy and natural world in many ways; and

**WHEREAS**, corporations are human-made legal fictions, while human citizens are the source of all legitimate power in any democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, corporations need only profit for survival, and that such profit and survival are often in direct conflict with the essential needs and rights of human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, the great wealth of large corporations allows them to wield coercive force of law to overpower human beings and communities, thus denying citizens' exercise of our Constitutional rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the great wealth of large corporations enables them to amass great power disproportionate to that of human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution, and the people never granted constitutional rights to corporations, while individual judges and courts have misguidedly done so; and

**WHEREAS**, the rollback of the legal limits to corporate spending in elections creates an unequal playing field enabling corporations to unduly influence elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, large corporations own most of America's mass media and use that media as a megaphone for their own agendas, drowning out human voices; and

**WHEREAS**, defining property as people is fundamentally wrong and a threat to the constitutional rights of human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Noreen Evans, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has introduced SB 982, a bill to require corporate political speech be public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Windsor joins the millions of citizens, grassroots organizations and local governments across America in calling for an Amendment to the Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, that human beings are not corporations, that only the people are entitled to constitutional rights, and that the rights of human beings will never again be granted to fictitious entities or property.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012 by the following vote:

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS SALMON, SCHOLAR AND  
MAYOR FUDGE**  
**NOES: VICE MAYOR GOBLE**  
**ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN**  
**ABSENT: NONE**

  
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**DEBORA FUDGE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK**