

RESOLUTION NO. T-2012-08-002R

A Resolution to Place an Advisory Referendum Question Concerning an Amendment to the United States Constitution to Establish: *“1) that a corporation does not have the same rights as an actual person, and 2) that money is not speech and, therefore, regulating political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech”* **on the November 6, 2012 ballot in Cunningham Township, Champaign County, Illinois**

WHEREAS, the Cunningham Township Board would like public input from voters on a question of public policy, and

WHEREAS, Illinois law provides that a township board may by majority vote authorize that an advisory question of public policy be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cunningham Township Board, Champaign County, Illinois, that the following advisory question be placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot for the voters in Cunningham Township:

“The U.S. Supreme Court held, in “Citizens United v. FEC”, that corporations have the rights of real human citizens and are entitled to spend unlimited amounts of money in support of political campaigns. To undue that decision, the people of the Cunningham Township support an Amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that: 1) A corporation does not have the same rights as an actual person, and 2) Money is not speech and, therefore, regulating political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech. We further request that our city, state and federal representatives enact resolutions and legislation to advance the two positions proposed as part of the Amendment, with reference to the need for an Amendment.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be certified to the proper election officials, who shall submit the question in accordance with the general election law.

ADOPTED, August 20, 2012, by the Cunningham Township Board, Champaign County, Illinois by affirmative majority voice vote.

Chair, Cunningham Town Board

Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. T-2012-08-003R

A Resolution to Place an Advisory Referendum Question Requesting that the City of Urbana Establish by Ordinance That Privately Owned Public Spaces Respect the Right of Polite, Non-Disruptive Free Political Speech on the November 6, 2012 ballot in Cunningham Township, Champaign County, Illinois

WHEREAS, the Cunningham Township Board would like public input from voters on a question of public policy, and

WHEREAS, Illinois law provides that a township board may by majority vote authorize that an advisory question of public policy be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cunningham Township Board, Champaign County, Illinois, that the following advisory question be placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot for the voters in Cunningham Township:

“Whereas expensive media campaigns have recently largely replaced ordinary political conversations between citizens, and, Whereas much of the public space in which such conversations used to take place has been replaced with private malls, and, Whereas since 1980 the state of California has successfully required that polite non-disruptive political speech be allowed at certain privately owned public spaces such as malls and parking lots. We request that the City of Urbana establish by ordinance that such privately owned public spaces respect the right of polite, non-disruptive free political speech.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be certified to the proper election officials, who shall submit the question in accordance with the general election law.

ADOPTED, August 20, 2012, by the Cunningham Township Board, Champaign County, Illinois by affirmative majority voice vote.

Chair, Cunningham Town Board

Town Clerk