

RESOLUTION R-4967

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S POSITION THAT CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PERSONS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION FOR PURPOSES OF THE REGULATION OF ELECTIONS, THAT REGULATING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPENDING IS NOT EQUIVALENT TO LIMITING POLITICAL SPEECH, AND SUPPORTING LIMITS ON CORPORATIONS' ABILITY TO SPEND MONEY DURING LOCAL AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, allowing corporations the same political speech protections as those afforded to individuals results in unlimited corporate spending to influence campaigns and elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

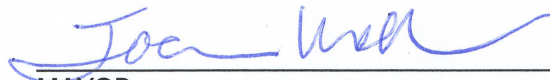
Section 1. Only human beings, not corporations, are persons under the United States Constitution for the purposes of the regulation of elections.

Section 2. Money is not speech, and the donation of money to a political campaign is not a form of constitutionally protected speech; therefore, regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

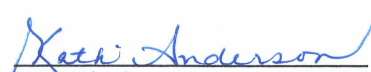
Section 3. The U.S. Congress and Washington State Legislature are urged to take action to correct the current unbridled ability of corporations to spend money during local and national elections.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 19th day of February, 2013.

Signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of February, 2013.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk