

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-3207

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA  
EXPRESSING CONCERN WITH THE *CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION  
COMMISSION* RULING BY THE SUPREME COURT AND CALLING ON THE UNITED  
STATES CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THE PROTECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO  
EFFECTIVELY EXPRESS HIMSELF OR HERSELF BY ENSURING AN ORDERLY  
POLITICAL FORUM

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**WHEREAS**, free and fair elections are essential to American democracy and effective self-governance; and

**WHEREAS**, in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (hereinafter referred to as *Citizens United*), the United States Supreme Court, in a 5 to 4 vote, held that governments could not restrict political independent expenditures by corporations, associations, or labor unions—a decision that allows for unlimited contributions in elections by these entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Citizens United* decision supersedes state and local efforts to regulate corporate activity in their local campaign finance laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California, the City of Los Angeles, and the City of San Diego have adopted resolutions opposing the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution in *Citizens United* and supporting Constitutional amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lemon Grove has a history of demonstrating support for an orderly political forum in which individuals may express themselves effectively.

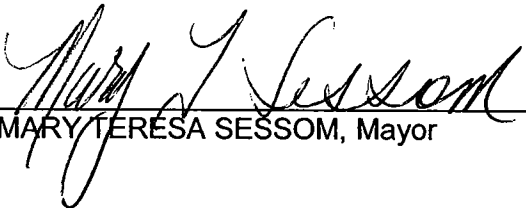
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California hereby:

1. Respectfully disagrees with the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* regarding the rights of corporations, associations and labor unions; and
2. Calls on the United States Congress to begin a process to protect an individual's right to effectively express himself or herself by ensuring an orderly political forum.


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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California on July 16, 2013, by the following vote:

<u>COUNCILMEMBERS</u>	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mary Teresa Sessom	xx			
Howard Cook		xx		
George Gastil	xx			
Jerry Jones		xx		
Racquel Vasquez	xx			

  
MARY TERESA SESSOM, Mayor

Attest:

  
SUSAN GARCIA, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

I, Susan Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Lemon Grove, California do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2013-3207 duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited.

  
SUSAN GARCIA, City Clerk