

Section 6. Voters at Town Meeting may also vote to exempt certain residents from the provisions of any local income tax, such as residents who qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing under state standards.

or take any other action relative thereto.

The 2010 Concord Town Meeting passed Warrant Article 33 asking our representatives to file legislation allowing all cities and towns the choice of reducing the property tax by using a local income tax. As a result H.3375 has been filed. However, without support from other towns, which the Local Option Local Income Tax Committee (LOLIT) has been unable to generate, this bill will not pass. In light of expected increases in the Concord's property tax, the LOLIT committee recommends that the Selectmen request 'home rule' legislation allowing Concord the future option of deciding whether to reduce the property tax by using an income tax to substitute for part of the property tax. This choice would require a vote by a future Town Meeting and a majority vote at the polls.

PEOPLE'S RIGHTS RESOLUTION – FREE SPEECH

ARTICLE 48. To determine whether the Town will vote to adopt a resolution calling upon the Congress of the United States to pass and send to the States for ratification a constitutional amendment to reverse the decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, to declare that corporations are not “persons” under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and to restore to the People their right to regulate the expenditures of corporations to ensure fair elections, in substantially the following form:

WHEREAS, We the people adopted and ratified the First Amendment to the United States Constitution to protect the free speech and other rights of people, not corporations;

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

WHEREAS, A narrow majority of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* overturned longstanding precedent which permitted under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution laws prohibiting corporations from spending corporate general treasury funds in our elections;

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* invalidates federal laws, state laws and even state Constitutional provisions precluding the expenditure of corporate money in elections;

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* has unleashed an infusion of corporate money into our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history;

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* presents a serious and direct threat to our republican democracy;

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers the people and the states of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct an egregiously wrong decision of the United States Supreme Court such as *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* which goes to the heart of our democracy and republican self-government; and

WHEREAS, the people and states of the United States of America have strengthened the nation and preserved liberty and equality for all by using the amendment process throughout our history, in several instances to reverse Supreme Court decisions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE THE PEOPLE OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS CALL UPON THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PASS AND SEND TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REVERSE THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IN *CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION*, TO DECLARE THAT CORPORATIONS ARE NOT “PERSONS” UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND TO RESTORE TO THE PEOPLE THEIR RIGHT TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURES OF CORPORATIONS TO ENSURE FAIR ELECTIONS.

or take any other action relative thereto.

This Article asks whether Town Meeting will adopt a resolution calling upon the Congress of the United States to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to reverse the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, declare that corporations are not "persons" under the First Amendment, and restore the people's right to regulate the expenditures of corporations to ensure fair elections.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this 6th day of February in the year two thousand-twelve.

Elise F. Woodward

Stanly E. Black

Gregory P. Howes

Carmin C. Reiss

Jeffrey S. Wieand

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Concord (date) _____

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Concord to meet at the times and places and for the purposes within named as directed.

Constable of Concord