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The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles announces its support for the City of Los Angeles City Council adoption of a resolution for seeking legislative action to reverse the U. S. Supreme Court's unfortunate decision in ***Citizens United vs. the Federal Election Commission***.

President Holtzman's call for action will be presented to the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, December 6. The League lends its support for a resolution submitted by Council President Garcetti and Councilmembers Rosendahl and Krekorian, which seeks Council action to advance a legislative strategy to reverse the *Citizens* decision.

A statement released by Los Angeles League president, David A. Holtzman, indicated that League support for a reversal of the ***Citizen's United*** decision has generated unprecedented support from members at a local, state, and national level: "This issue has sparked overwhelming concern for the potential deterioration of democracy caused by this legal decision. Never before have I seen more enthusiasm for action and advocacy for an amendment to the U. S. Constitution," says President Holtzman.

"The League of Women Voters is outraged at the ***Citizens United*** decision of the U.S. Supreme Court," said Holtzman. In a brief to the Supreme Court in that case, the League of Women Voters and Constitutional Accountability Center submitted the following joint statement regarding corporations and personhood:

**"While our Constitution reflects an increasingly expansive view of individual participation in the political process, it does not reflect a similar solicitude for corporate participation. To the contrary, our constitutional history reflects a growing concern over the influence of corporations, and the distinction between the legal protections afforded to living persons and corporations has been part of our constitutional law from the Founding. Corporations are never specifically mentioned in the Constitution, and from the earliest days, this Court has held that the government need not treat corporations the same way it treats individual citizens."**

President Holtzman urges the public: "Don't allow the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process."