

Introduced by: Councilmember Snipper

RESOLUTION 2012-6

**SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REVERSE THE DECISION IN
*CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION***

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council values an open democratic process where residents have a real opportunity to vote, run for and be elected to public office, and generally participate in the electoral process; AND

WHEREAS, many state and federal laws had been enacted to keep the electoral process from being unduly influenced by powerful and wealthy entities so that participation in the electoral process could be affordable for many; AND

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010) upended that approach by allowing corporations to spend corporate dollars in the electoral process as if they were individual people; AND

WHEREAS, many concerned people and organizations across the United States wish to see that Supreme Court ruling overturned; AND

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council supports efforts to see the ruling overturned or a Constitutional Amendment proposed that would reaffirm fair opportunity in the electoral process for individual people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park supports efforts to reverse the decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and supports efforts to open the electoral process to the broad group of citizens who wish to participate effectively in the affairs of their country.

ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2012.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk