

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* unleashes a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history; and

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* purports to invalidate state laws and even state Constitutional provisions separating corporate money from elections; and

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* presents a serious and direct threat to our republican democracy by further reducing the fair and balanced flow of information necessary for a democracy to function, especially in light of the already unequal distribution of wealth in the Country, and can only lead to a worsening of the income distribution in this country; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people and states of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and republican self-government; and

WHEREAS, The people and states of the United States of America have used the amendment process to strengthen the nation and preserve liberty and equality and to reverse erroneous Supreme Court decisions that weaken this liberty and equality; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the City of Somerville hereby joins other communities across the country and calls upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification, a constitutional amendment to reverse *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and to restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That it supports the resolution offered by Massachusetts State Senator Eldridge and others, Senate Docket 01488.