

CERTIFICATE BY CITY CLERK OF PETITION FOR DIRECT LEGISLATION  
SUPPORTING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE) SS.  
CITY OF LA CROSSE )

I, Teri Lehrke, hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Clerk of the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and as such official, I further certify that attached hereto is a true copy of a petition requesting that the following resolution be adopted by the Common Council, or be submitted to a vote of the electors of the City of La Crosse:

**Whereas**, government of, by, and for the people has long been a cherished American value, and;  
**Whereas**, free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance, and;  
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**Whereas**, interpretation of the U. S. Constitution by appointed Supreme Court Justices to include corporations in the term “persons” has long denied We the People’s exercise of self-governance by endowing corporations with Constitutional protections intended by the Framers for ONLY We the People, and;  
**Whereas**, in 1976 the ruling on *Buckley v. Valeo*, the untenable decision of the Supreme Court changed the course of American elections and established the doctrine that spending money to influence elections is a form of speech; and;  
**Whereas**, on January 10, 2010, in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission*, the Supreme Court overturned a century of precedence by ruling that corporate spending on elections cannot be limited under the First Amendment; now therefore.

**Resolved**, that “We the People” of the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, seek to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

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- 2. **Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.**

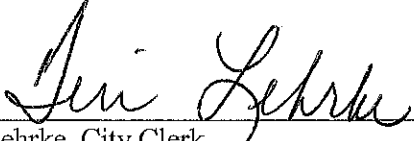
**Further Resolved** that the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to our state and federal representatives – instructing them to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

I further certify that I have carefully examined said petition and find the same to be in proper form, and that it is sufficient in all respects under the provisions of Section 9.20 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

I further certify that the total number of valid signatures appearing on said petitions is 3,489.

I further certify that the number of signatures needed is 2,958, which is 15 percent of the votes cast for governor at the last election held in November 2014, with 19,714 votes being cast.









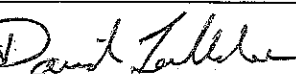

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of La Crosse this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

  
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Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

# PETITION FOR DIRECT LEGISLATION

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I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the City of La Crosse, request that the attached proposed resolution without alteration, either be adopted by the common council or referred to a vote of the electors pursuant to the provisions of §.9.20, Wis. Stats.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS WHEN DIFFERENT THAN MUNICIPALITY IS NOT SUFFICIENT. THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE MUST ALWAYS BE LISTED.				
SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTORS	STREET & NUMBER OR RURAL ROUTE <small>Rural address must also include box or fire no.</small>	MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE <small>Indicate City or Village</small>	DATE OF SIGNING
1. 	Malaya Vuk	1016 Redfield St	City of La Crosse	9-22-17
2. 	Brian K Murphy	1470 Redfield St	City of La Crosse	9-22-17
3. 	DYLAN OVERMOE	105 4th St N Apt 2	City of La Crosse	9-22-17
4. 	Jason Cooper	1629 Avon St.	City of La Crosse	9-22-17
5. 	William Reese	515 23rd St. S.	City of La Crosse	9-22-17
6. 	Adam Radinzel	520 7th St S Apt 2	City of La Crosse	9-22-17
7. 	Fletcher Barnes	2548 17th St. South	City of La Crosse	9-22-17
8. 	Michael Lokens	710 8th St. South	City of La Crosse	9-22-17
9. 	DAVID FOLLANSBEE	1222 MAIN ST	City of La Crosse	9-22-17
10. 	Melissa Reinsvold	911 Cameron Ave	City of La Crosse	9-22-17

### Certification of Circulator

I, Gary Knudtson (Name of circulator), certify: I reside at 1006 Breezy Point Rd La Crosse WI 54603 (Circulator's residence - include number, street, and municipality)

I further certify I am either a qualified elector of Wisconsin, or a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. § 6.03. I personally circulated this petition for direct legislation and personally obtained each of the signatures on this petition. I know that the signers are electors of the municipality listed above. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I intend to support this petition. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under §.12.13(3)(a), Wis. Stats.

9-22-2017 (Date) Gary Knudtson (Signature of circulator)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**  
**By the City of La Crosse**  
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**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor, City of La Crosse**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City of La Crosse Clerk**