RESOLUTION NO. 744

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY
TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, AND TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS
ASSEMBLED

WHEREAS, As the Mayor and members of the Langley City Council, we seek to
nurture and expand democracy in our state and in our nation. Free and fair elections are
essential to American democracy and effective self-governance. The granting of
constitutional protections to non-natural corporate "persons" threatens the rights of living,
breathing persons to have their voices heard. Corporations should not have a constitutionally
protected right to donate unregulated amounts of money to political campaigns.

WHEREAS, Corporations are legal entities separate and apart from human beings. They can
and should be given specific legal rights by Federal, State, and local law, but not the rights of
natural, living, breathing persons which are enumerated in the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

In light of these facts, we, the undersigned members of the City Council of Langley and the
Mayor of Langley, State of Washington, respectfully urge Congress to prepare and send to
the states for adoption, a Constitutional amendment that in effect reverses the 2010 Supreme
Court’s Citizens United decision by clarifying that

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are persons under the United States
   Constitution.
2. Money is not speech and the donation of money to a political campaign is not a form
   of constitutionally protected speech. Therefore regulating political contributions and
   spending is not equivalent to limiting political Speech.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, and APPROVED by the
Mayor at a regular meeting held this 4th day of June, 2012.

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LARRY KWARSICK, Mayor

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ATTEST: DEBBIE L. MAHLER, Director of Finance/Clerk