



North Carolina Voters for Clean Elections

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Greensboro Citizens File Resolution at Town Council Meeting Calling on Congress to Overturn *Citizens United*

GREENSBORO — Last night, students at Elon Law School presented the Greensboro City Council with a resolution calling on Congress to overturn the Supreme Court decision, *Citizens United v. FEC*, and ensure the voices of ordinary voters aren't drowned out by special interest money.

"People don't believe their voices are heard, especially at the state and federal levels," said Barbara Carrano, the community organizer spearheading the Greensboro campaign to pass the resolution. Instead, they believe campaign dollars are distorting democracy and what they say doesn't matter because somebody with more money will come along and drown out their voice. This is why we are organizing at the local level – to have our voices heard." The 11 cities that have passed similar resolutions are Greenville, Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Highlands, Bryson City, Franklin, Sylva, Forest Hills and Asheville."

"A movement has erupted across the nation," says Melissa Price Kromm, Director of North Carolina Voters for Clean Elections. "Corporations and trade unions are not people and they should not be able to buy political influence through unlimited advertising or purchase control over public policies. With media so important in elections these days, their deep pockets give them way too much power over election outcomes compared to actual citizens. This is not democracy."

New data on political TV and radio ads show that 43% of the \$56.5 million that has flooded into NC for the presidential race has come from outside sources not tied to candidates or parties.

2012 Outside Spending v. Candidate Spending in North Carolina

	Obama		Romney		
	MoveOn	38,532	Am Crossroads	5,475,912	
	ACLU	17,028	Crossroads	5,465,354	
			Restore	4,886,169	
			AFP	4,722,727	
			RNC	3,100,258	
			Am Future Fund	601,818	
Outside Spending	Obama	55,560	Romney	24,252,238	24,307,798
<i>Campaign Spending</i>	<i>Obama</i>	<i>21,890,681</i>	<i>Romney</i>	<i>10,292,261</i>	<i>32,182,942</i>
TOTAL					56,490,740

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