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ENDORSEMENT

for

the Pass Mass Amendment Ballot Initiative Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution

We the members of **Ojai CA Move To Amend** endorse the Pass Mass Amendment ballot initiative and the innovative approach it represents. We feel multi-pronged efforts initiated by local and regional communities in an atmosphere of solidarity and mutual support offer the best hope for confronting the problems of 'corporate personhood' and the legal doctrine equating money with 'free speech.'

Pass Mass Amendment language:

Section 1: *Corporations are not people and may be regulated. The rights afforded to the human inhabitants of the Commonwealth, under this Constitution, are not applicable to corporations, limited liability companies or any other corporate entity. Any references to persons, citizens, inhabitants, subjects, men, people, individuals or like terms in this Constitution, are not to be construed in any way to be referring to a corporation, limited liability company or other corporate entities. Corporations, limited liability companies and any other corporate entity shall do business in this state under the regulation of laws passed by the legislature which shall set the rights of such entities to do business to promote the common good and strengthen the social compact of this Commonwealth.*

Section 2: *Money is not free speech and may be regulated. To protect our political process and the functioning of government to serve in the best interests of the citizens of the Commonwealth, money shall not be considered free speech. The legislature shall have the power to regulate the raising and spending of money and inkind equivalents for any primary or election of a public official and for ballot measures. This shall include regulation of any advertising for or against any candidate in a primary or election for public office and any ballot measure.*

Section 3: *Nothing contained in this Amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press*

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