



# BIG MONEY OUT VA

“DEMOCRACY LOSES WHEN BIG MONEY WINS”

## RESOURCES ON MONEY IN POLITICS

### 1) Local Resolutions in Virginia Related to Money in Politics

Go to [United for the People](#) for update on resolutions around the country

- On December 9, 2013, the **Falls Church City Council** [passed a resolution](#) calling for a constitutional amendment to reverse *Citizens United* and related cases and restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people. (Click [here](#) for more information.)
- On September 10, 2013, the **Alexandria City Council** [passed a resolution](#) calling for a constitutional amendment to reverse *Citizens United* and related cases and restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people.
- On September 18, 2012, the **County Board of Arlington, Virginia** [passed a resolution](#) calling for a constitutional amendment to reverse *Citizens United* and restore fair elections to the American people.
- On June 4, 2012, the **Charlottesville City Council** [passed a resolution](#) calling for a constitutional amendment to reverse *Citizens United* and restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people.

### 2) Constitutional Amendments

- How are constitutional amendments passed in the United States? [Click here](#)
- Why do we need a constitutional amendment? [Click here](#)
- What about run-away conventions when the Article 5 convention approach is used? [Click here](#)
- Examples where constitutional amendments have overturned Supreme Court rulings [Click here](#)
- A Quiz: Check out your knowledge of the amendments? [Click here](#)

### 3) VIDEOS/PODCASTS

- June 2, 2020: **“Democracy Loses When Big Money Wins”**. A virtual panel about getting money out of Virginia. [Watch the Youtube video.](#)
- May 28th, virtual **Town Hall on Money in Politics** with John Lesinski, Candidate for the 5th District of Virginia.
- **The 28th Amendment to Restore the American Promise**
- **How corporations infiltrated the Supreme Court**
- [Vicki Barnes – Volunteer Activist for a 28th Amendment to the Constitution to Ensure Free & Fair Elections](#)
- [Wolf-PAC National Director Michael Monetta](#)
- [Covid-19 Pandemic Response Hurt by Health-care Industry Political Spending: Health-care Professionals Sound Alarm](#)

### 4) DATA ON MONEY IN POLITICS

- **Open Secrets:** The Center for Responsive Politics is the nation’s premier research group tracking money in politics and its effect on elections and public policy.
- **The Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP)** The nonprofit Virginia Public Access Project elevates public understanding of politics and government by organizing and presenting information in ways that are easily accessible and free of partisan bias
- **National Conference of State Legislatures: NCSL**

### 5) USEFUL ARTICLES

- [Why Businesses Should Care about Money in Politics](#)
- **Press Backgrounder:** [“Why Campaign Finance Should be a Legislative Priority in Virginia”](#)
- **Government of Citizens, Not Money**
- [Polling on money in politics: What do the numbers say?](#)
- **More information on the Article V Convention Process**