



**DOOR COUNTY**

**Resolution No. 2018-33**

**SUPPORTING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW LIMITS ON  
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS  
AND  
CONDUCTING A NON-BINDING STATEWIDE REFERENDUM**

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD	X		
BACON	X		
BULTMAN	X		
CHOMEAU	X		
D. ENGLEBERT	X		
R. ENGLEBERT	X		
ENIGL	X		
FISHER		X	
GUNNLAUGSSON	X		
HALSTEAD	X		
KOCH	X		
KOHOUT	X		
LIENAU		X	
LUNDAHL	X		
NEINAS	X		
NORTON	X		
ROBILLARD	X		
SCHULTZ	X		
VIRLEE	X		
VLIES WOTACHEK	X		
WAIT	X		
	19	2	0

**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve  Adopted

1st Kohout  Defeated

2nd Enigl

Yes: 19 No: 2 Exc: 0

Reviewed by:

[Signature], Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by:

[Signature], Administrator

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this resolution. MEJ

**Certification:**

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 17th day of April, 2018 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Jill M. Lau  
Jill M. Lau  
County Clerk, Door County

**TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1 WHEREAS, Free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance;  
2 and

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4 WHEREAS, The appearance of buying access to candidates or influencing policy, governance,  
5 and judicial decisions because of large outsider donations erodes voter confidence in our elections  
6 and democracy; and

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8 WHEREAS, The County of Door has an interest in protecting itself and its citizens against  
9 intrusions on local control by mitigating the influence of money and privileged access in state and  
10 federal government and elections; and

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12 WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court's decisions in *Citizens United* and related cases allow  
13 unlimited spending by certain groups known as Super-PACs to influence local, state, and federal  
14 elections; and

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16 WHEREAS, The above mentioned Supreme Court cases:  
17 • have granted Corporations, Unions, non-profits, and other man-made entities (such as  
18 Super-PACs) the same Constitutional protections given only to individual human beings  
19 by the Framers of the Constitution, and;  
20 • have declared money to be 'free speech'

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22 WHEREAS, as of February 15, 2018, 78.9% of Door County municipalities (15/19) have called  
23 upon the Door County Board of Supervisors to support their Resolutions Supporting a Constitutional  
24 Amendment to Allow Limits on Campaign Contributions and Conducting a Non-Binding Statewide  
25 Referendum.

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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Door County Board of Supervisors (joining  
28 with the 120 Wisconsin communities to date, including 9 other counties) calls upon our elected  
29 State Assembly Representative and State Senator and on the Wisconsin State Legislature to  
30 hold a non-binding state-wide Referendum asking the voters if they wish the State of  
31 Wisconsin to support an Amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

- 32 1. Only human beings are endowed with individual constitutional rights –not corporations,  
33 unions, non-profits or artificial entities (such as SuperPACs)
- 34 2. Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not  
35 equivalent to limiting political speech.

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following the Door County resolution, the County Clerk is  
40 directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all other counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association,  
41 and to our state and federal representatives, including the members of any state committees in which  
42 such a referendum or bill resides, with instructions to enact resolutions, referenda, and legislation to  
43 advance this effort.

**SUBMITTED BY: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Susan Kohout  
Susan Kohout, Chairman

Helen Bacon  
Helen Bacon

Roy Englebert  
Roy Englebert

David Enigl  
David Enigl

Steve Sohns  
Steve Sohns