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RE: Request to Prepare Title and Summary

I hereby request that the Attorney General prepare a title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure attached: "Corporations Are Not People Act". Please find enclosed: a US Postal Money Order to the amount of \$200.00 payable to the State of California, my public contact information, and other personal statements including the statement required under Election Code Section 9608.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Initiative Measure to be Submitted to Voters

This initiative measure is submitted to the people of California in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Article II of the California Constitution.

This initiative measure expressly amends the California Constitution by adding a section thereto; therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

PROPOSED LAW

Corporations Are Not People Act

SECTION 1. TITLE

This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "Corporations Are Not People Act."

SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS

The People of the State of California hereby find and declare that:

1. Fair elections are essential to a healthy, thriving democracy, yet corporations distort California elections with massive spending on political ads which do not contribute to or enrich the political discourse.
2. Seeking fair elections, Californians have a compelling interest in preventing corruption in the political arena; the purity of which is endangered by corporate personhood. Candidates pursuing elected office are inescapably pressured by vast sums of money available from corporations to fund political campaigns, and in accepting these donations candidates are no greater endeared to actual people who actually vote - the citizens of California.
3. We deserve a democracy which is close to the needs of people, and we are rightfully concerned that candidates pursuing elected office, who accept money from corporations to fund their political campaigns, are not fully committed to honoring the needs of dignified people.
4. Corporate personhood is a legal fiction which devalues and is demeaning to human life. Human beings are inherently degraded to a lesser status than is tolerably appropriate so long as corporations are allowed to pose as people and enjoy the same rights which real people possess.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the express purpose of this measure to define legal "person" in California by doing the following:

(1) Deny that corporations are people entitled to the constitutional rights of a person in California.

(2) Affirm that only human beings are people entitled to the constitutional rights of a person in California.

Section 4. Section 7.1 is added to Article I of the California Constitution, to read:

SEC. 7.1. (a) Only human beings are valid and recognized people in California.

(b) A corporation is not a person, and corporations are not due constitutional rights which human beings are naturally due.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Act are severable. If any provision of this Act, or part thereof, is held invalid that finding shall not affect other provisions that can be given effect without the invalid provision.