

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN FAVOR OF AB 1648, THE
CALIFORNIA DISCLOSE ACT *

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision has unleashed hundreds of millions of dollars of anonymous corporate spending on political campaigns across California and the nation; and

WHEREAS, misleading political advertising by big-money interests hiding behind good-sounding committee names deceives voters into supporting or opposing candidates and ballot measures that they would not support if they knew who was really behind them; and

WHEREAS, disclosing the true funders of political ads in the ads themselves would help voters make better informed decisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic party endorses AB 1648, the California DISCLOSE Act, authored by Assembly member Julia Brownley, to require full disclosure, in the ads themselves, of the largest major funders of all political television, radio, print, mass mailing, and online advertising for and against ballot measures and for independent expenditures for and against candidates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Governor, Assembly Speaker John Perez, Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Assembly Elections Committee Chair Paul Fong, Senate Elections Committee Chair Lou Correa, Assembly member Julia Brownley, and to our area's members of the Democratic Caucus of the California Legislature and Congressional Delegation.

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*NOTE: the SFDCCC passed a similar resolution on AB 1148 on July 27, 2011. However, AB 1148 failed passage in 2011. Assembly member Brownley then submitted AB 1648 (which is almost the same bill, maybe even a little stronger in the second year of the legislative session.) I hope we can pass this again.