

Republican Party of Dane County: Resolution urging second passage of a constitutional amendment banning outside money in Wisconsin's elections

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WHEREAS, millions of dollars in private funds have been donated to Wisconsin municipalities by CTCL and other private groups since 2020 for the purpose of manipulating the outcome of Wisconsin elections; and

WHEREAS, according to the reports issued by the Assembly Elections Committee hearings, the infusion of private money into Wisconsin elections has illegally changed the outcome of these elections; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison, Wisconsin just this week accepted an additional \$1.5 million dollars in private funding to administer elections and the City of Milwaukee, other Wisconsin cities and the Wisconsin University System have accepted or are currently considering approval of similar donations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Wisconsin has refused to sign legislation banning the use of private funds in the administration of Wisconsin's elections; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Constitution can be amended without the Governor's signature by both the Assembly and Senate passing a resolution in two consecutive sessions and then putting the resolution on the ballot for the people of Wisconsin to approve; and

WHEREAS, in the last legislative session, the Wisconsin Assembly and the Wisconsin Senate passed such a resolution to amend the Wisconsin Constitution to ban the use of private funds in Wisconsin's elections; and

WHEREAS, currently the legislation has yet been brought to the floor for a second vote in the Assembly and the Wisconsin Senate has not brought the resolution to the floor; and

WHEREAS, we recognize some feel this resolution would bring out Democrat voters and impact the Supreme Court race; we believe the opposite is the case. Republican turnout is usually lower in spring elections than Democrats. Democrats are already mobilizing people and money to win the Supreme Court race. This will get our voters to vote on April 4. The resolution on the April ballot would have the effect of drawing many more conservative and Republican voters to the polls in April.

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Dane County highly encourages the Republican legislature to pass this amendment in time for it to be placed on the April ballot. A copy of this resolution be sent out to Wisconsin State Assembly Leaders, Wisconsin State Senate Leaders, Republican Party of Wisconsin Chairman Brian Schimming