

## **Humboldt Voters to Decide if Corporations should be Legal People**

On Wednesday, Feb 12, 2014, Humboldt County Move to Amend volunteers began collecting signatures for a ballot initiative declaring corporations are not persons in Humboldt County. If HCMTA, a group of passionate and dedicated volunteers, gathers the required petition signatures by June, Humboldt County voters will get to vote on this issue in November, 2014.

If passed, Humboldt will join over 500 cities & counties across the country in making a statement in support of ending corporate personhood through a Constitutional Amendment. Sarah Scudder, HCMTA Co-Coordinator says, "The U.S. Constitutional Amendment process requires action by our elected representatives. Through the passage of this county ordinance, we gain legitimacy & lobbying power with our local, state & federal officials toward the enactment of the We the People Amendment."

Move to Amend volunteers in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz & Sonoma counties are gathering signatures for similar county initiatives, and Mendocino County voters passed a similar initiative in 2012. Volunteers hope to inspire voters and non-voters alike to look to the future and support the We the People Amendment which would amend the U.S. Constitution to clearly state that corporations are not people and money is not legal speech.

The language of We the People Amendment is at: [www.humboldtMTA.org/amendment](http://www.humboldtMTA.org/amendment).

Local volunteers are gathering signatures for the Humboldt County measure *now*. **They need your help** to gather 5,000 signatures of verifiable, registered Humboldt County voters before June. They invite you to call ((707)832-2018, email ([humboldt@movetoamend.org](mailto:humboldt@movetoamend.org)) to request a signature gathering kit, come to a **Gathering for Local Action** (Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m. at The Local, 517 F St. in Eureka), attend a training (info below) or if you'd rather they contact you, sign up to volunteer at [www.humboldtMTA.org/volunteer](http://www.humboldtMTA.org/volunteer) More info is also available at: [www.humboldtMTA.org](http://www.humboldtMTA.org)

*HCMTA Volunteer Trainings are the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month at Humboldt State University in Nelson Hall East, Room 113 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with regular Meetings from 7:30-8:30 p.m.*

### **The language for the November 2014 Ballot states:**

To the full extent legally possible under federal and state law, and with the long term goal of changing any federal or state laws that may oppose this ordinance, Within the County of Humboldt, CA, the rights of "Persons" or "The people" as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and all its amendments, shall not be extended to artificial entities created by the States (e.g. corporations, unions). Only human beings shall have such rights.

Humboldt County MTA wished to express gratitude to the volunteers of last years, "Corps Ain't Peeps" campaign in Arcata. "Their leadership was essential in the final stages of crafting the language for this County-wide initiative," Co-Coordinator, Richard Lentz said.

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