

Subject: Vote-By-Mail Open House & Demonstration

Thu, 14 Sep 2017 16:47:15 -0800

Hi League Members:

The Municipality of Anchorage is having an Open House and a Vote-By-Mail Equipment Demonstration on Thursday, September 21, 2017. The following information was received today from Amanda Moser, Deputy Clerk Elections. Please mark the event on your calendar and feel free to forward this information to organizations that you belong to

BECOME ACTIVE. BE INFORMED. BECOME INVOLVED.

From Amanda Moser: Last month the final piece of equipment, for the Vote by Mail Project, was delivered to the MOA Elections Center. The Bell and Howell Signature Verification and Envelope Sorter was delivered, in 6 large crates, back in August. We have recently completed the first round of Site Acceptance Testing and we are excited to share this piece of equipment with the Anchorage community.

Please join us for an Open House and Bell and Howell Equipment Demonstration next week, Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 4:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. with a demonstration at 5:00 p.m.

These event is open to the public, please invite all interested parties.

Juice and cookies will be provided!

What:	MOA Election Center Open House and Equipment Demonstration
When:	Thursday, September 21, 2017
Time:	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Where:	MOA Election Center 619 East Ship Creek Avenue, Suite 100 Anchorage, AK 99501

Joyce M. Anderson, President

League of Women Voters of Anchorage

Subject: UAA Debate: Corporations are not People

Sun, 17 Sep 2017 20:57:12 -0800

Anchorage League Members:

In honor of Constitution Day, September 17, consider attending the UAA public debate, faculty forum and discussion titled: "Corporations are not People" hosted by the Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence, Difficult Dialogues Initiatives and Seawolf Debate Program to be held Wednesday, September 20.

In 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court in *Citizens United v FEC* determined the term "person" included corporations and other entities. The ruling granted these groups the right to make unlimited contributions to political campaigns, many of them in secret. The League reacted swiftly and strongly against the decision in 2010 by testifying before the U.S. House of Representatives committee offering steps that could be taken to tighten disclosure requirements. No action was taken. The League's recent "Money in Politics" position statement plan has focused on stopping PAC's from soliciting and spending unlimited sums of money to campaign for or against political figures.

Public debate and discussion: "Corporations are not people."

Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 7 – 9pm

Where: UAA - Consortium Library - Room 307

Categories: Free Parking, Open to the Public, Free Admission

The [Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence](#), [Difficult Dialogues Initiative](#) and [Seawolf Debate Program](#), in honor of Constitution Day, invite you to a public debate, faculty forum and discussion:

"Corporations are not people."

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7–9 p.m

UAA/APU Consortium Library, Room 307

Free of charge and open to the public. Featuring the award-winning UAA Seawolf Debate Program, a faculty response panel and a facilitated public discussion.

In 2010, the "Citizens United" Supreme Court ruling granted corporations the right to make unlimited contributions to a political campaign, based on the premise that they have the free speech rights of individuals. In 2017, a resolution (HJR48) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives calling for a Constitutional Amendment that recognizes that "the rights protected by the Constitution of the U.S. are the rights of natural persons only. Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, and other entities... shall have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People... The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the People, through Federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable."

It further states that: "Federal, State and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures... to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their economic status, have access to the political process, and that no person gains, as a result of that person's money, substantially more access

or ability to influence in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure... The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment."

Please join us as we wrestle with the question of the rights and limits of corporations in the U.S.

This event is part of a series hosted by UAA's Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence since 2003 to offer the Anchorage community access to university resources as a basis for discussions of issues affecting our future.

For information, contact Libby Roderick at eroderick@alaska.edu or (907) 786-4605.

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The purpose of the League of Women Voters (LWV) is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.