
Strategies for Building Effective Democracy in the Face of Corporate Hegemony

How a California County won local control over outside corporations at the ballot box and how we can too!

Wednesday, June 28th, 7:00 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Society of Northampton and Florence
220 Main Street, Northampton

With featured speaker, David Cobb

David Cobb is a nationally-known democratic activist, a leader in the Humboldt County, CA challenge to corporations, and the 2004 Green-Rainbow candidate for President

Fresh from the June 6th victory in Humboldt County's Measure T - a referendum that banned outside corporate funds from local elections - David Cobb will strategize with us on building a similar campaign in Western Mass.



The Mass. Connection to Measure T: it challenges a law based on a landmark Massachusetts case at the US Supreme Court referred to as "the Bellotti decision" that contributed to the legal definition of a corporation as a "person" with constitutional rights. Our own state had a similar ban on corporate funds in issue-oriented referendums until 1978 and we want to win it back!

Mass. connection to Cobb: Our own voting rights attorney John Bonifaz (now running for Mass. Secretary of State) worked with Cobb on Measure T. As director of the National Voting Rights Institute, Bonifaz represented David Cobb in his lawsuit to recount the votes in Ohio's 2004 presidential election.

Cobb is a volunteer member of the Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County Steering Committee (one of the groups working on Measure T). He has worked intimately with the POCLAD (Program on Corporations, Law and Corporations), the Center for Voting and Democracy, and Reclaim Democracy. He currently serves on the Sierra Club's national Corporate Accountability Committee and as a Fellow of Liberty Tree: Foundation for the Democratic Revolution.

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