

How to contact my local representative and ask them to pass a resolution to amend

First find out who represents you locally. If you are in a town or city you can find the City Council members on the city website. If you are in a rural area you can find your county government website.

Make note of all the Council members or Commissioners, especially the one who represents your district or precinct.

First contact the one who represents you. To get started you can send an email. Let them know that you are a constituent and that you are concerned about the corrupting influence of money in politics. You don't need to have all the details or be an expert. Just let them know your concerns. Ask them to sponsor a resolution calling for an amendment.

If you've never done this before it can be intimidating. Remember your tax dollars pay this person to represent you. They have a responsibility to listen to your concerns and if enough people have the same concerns they also have a responsibility to do something about it.

Do the best you can. If they have questions and you don't have the answers that's ok. Make note of the question and promise to get back to them with the answer. Also promise to send them documents about the issue. Here are some good ones you can email:

<https://movetoamend.org/sites/default/files/MTA-brochure.pdf>

<http://www.texansunitedtoamend.org/uploads/5/0/8/1/5081028/centraltexansunitedtoamend-sept.2013.pdf>

http://www.texansunitedtoamend.org/uploads/5/0/8/1/5081028/tuta_flyer.pdf

Next send emails to the other Council members or Commissioners saying the same thing. Because they are not your representative they don't have the same obligations but nothing can be passed locally without a required number of Council Members or Commissioners voting to pass it. So each one of them is important to get on board.

Now that you've taken this first step you can congratulate yourself. Next follow the same process making phone calls to your representative first and then the rest of the Council/Commissioner's Court.

It can be a little more daunting to make phone calls but once you do it you will feel powerful and you will have taken important steps to make changes.