

A video of Barry Lynn and Ayesha Khan discussing two recent Supreme Court Decisions:

> Greece v. Galloway Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores

Saturday, October 11

SPECIAL TIME: 2:00 pm

Community Room - Irvine Ranch Water District¹ 15500 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618



Since 1992, the Rev. Barry W. Lvnn has served as executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. In addition to his work as a longtime activist and lawyer in the civil liberties field, Lynn is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, offering him a unique perspective on churchstate issues. An accomplished speaker and lecturer. Lvnn has testified before Congress as an advocate for church/state separations, and appears frequently on television and radio broadcasts to offer analysis of First Amendment issues.



Avesha Khan is the legal director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Ms. Khan is an expert on First Amendment issues. Under her supervision, Americans United's legal team has litigated dozens of cases, and filed scores of friend-ofthe-court briefs. in courts throughout the country. In the course of her work, she has appeared before the United States Supreme Court, almost every federal court of appeals, and dozens of trial courts.

Recently, the Supreme Court has issued two decisions that are incredibly harmful to church/state separation in this country. In <u>Greece v. Galloway</u>, the court held that it is constitutional for city councils to open their meetings with prayer, even when the prayers are sectarian. In <u>Hobby Lobby v. Sebelius</u>, the court held that some businesses can deny their employees birth control coverage (otherwise provided at no charge under the Affordable Care Act) if the owners object to providing such coverage for religious reasons. After these decisions were issued, Barry Lynn and Ayesha Khan held a live streaming event in which they explained the decisions and answered important questions about their scope and what we can do in response to them. In case you missed the live streaming, we've obtained a video of the event. Join us to learn more about these recent decisions. We expect a lively discussion after the video's showing!

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