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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



# COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

For the Agenda of: November 7, 2023

To:

Board of Supervisors

Through:

Ann Edwards, County Executive

From:

Florence Evans, Clerk of the Board

Subject:

Adopt Ordinance Amending Sections 2.115.300, 2.115.310 And 2.115.320 Relating To Contribution Limits For On-Election Years And An Aggregate Limit Pursuant To The Review Of Biennial Contribution Limit Adjustments (Waived Full Reading And Continued From October 24, 2023; Item

No. 5)

District(s):

All

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt the Ordinance amending Sections 2.115.300, 2.115.310 And 2.115.320 to include adjustments to the contribution limits of a person and organization for "on-election" years and aggregate limit pursuant to the review of biennial adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U), rounded to the nearest one hundredth.

# **BACKGROUND**

On October 24, 2023, the Board introduced an ordinance amending Sections 2.115.300, 2.115.310 And 2.115.320 to include adjustments to the contribution limits of a person and organization for "on-election" years and aggregate limit pursuant to the review of biennial adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as amended rounding the limits to the nearest one hundredth; waived full reading, and continued the item to November 7, 2023, for adoption.

According to the CPI-U, from 2020 to 2022 the cost of living increased by 9.0 percent. Therefore, costs may have increased since the last adoption of the contribution limits to run an election campaign. The chart below reflects the proposed staff recommended contribution limits from a person and organization and aggregate limit rounded to the nearest one hundredth.

# Contribution Limits

Individual
Contribution Limit -
Off Election Year

\$250	\$250	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$47,000	

The Board also approved the creation of a Campaign Finance Ad-hoc Committee comprised of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Clerk of the Board, Voter Registrar of Elections and Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer to meet if and/or when as needed every odd year to review the Campaign ordinance.

# Attachments:

Ordinance Amending SCC 2.115 Campaign Reform Ordinance Amending SCC 2.115 Campaign Reform – Strike Through ATT 1 – CPI Calculations

#### **SCC NO. 1725**

# AN ORDINANCE OF THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY CODE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.115.300, 2.115.310 AND 2.115.320 RELATING TO CAMPAIGN REFORM CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.115.300, Chapter 2.115, Title 2, of the Sacramento

County Code is amended to read as follows:

2.115.300 Contribution Limitations for Persons Other Than Organizations.

- A. No person shall make to any candidate, and no such candidate shall accept from any person, a contribution or contributions totaling more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) in any single off-election year or one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) in any of the following periods:
  - 1. In any primary election period;
  - 2. In any general election period;
  - 3. In any special election period; or
  - 4. In any special runoff election period.
- B. To the extent that a candidate receives a contribution in excess of the limit imposed in subsection A, such candidate shall remit any amount in excess of the limitations set forth in subsection A to the Registrar of Voters for deposit in the Campaign Reform Fund, or return such amount to the donor, no later than the next date on which the candidate is required to file, or does file, a State or County campaign statement.
- C. For purposes of this section, and Section 2.115.450, two or more entities shall be treated as one person when any of the following circumstances apply:
  - 1. The entities share the majority of members of their governing board;
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- 3. The entities are owned or controlled by the same majority shareholder or shareholders; or
  - 4. The entities are in a parent-subsidiary relationship.
- D. For purposes of this section, and Section 2.115.450, an individual and any general partnership in which the individual is a general partner, or an individual and any corporation in which the individual owns a controlling interest, shall be treated as one person.
- E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections C and D hereof, a candidate shall not be deemed to be in violation of this section if he or she accepts a contribution from a person that was made to such candidate in violation of subsections C and D. It is the intent of this section to make contributors, and not candidates, liable for violations of this section occurring as a result of the applicability of subsections C and D to a contribution.

SECTION 2. Section 2.115.310, Chapter 2.115, Title 2, of the Sacramento

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- A. An organization shall not make to any candidate, and no candidate shall accept from any organization, a contribution or contributions totaling more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) in any single off-election year or three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) in any of the following periods:
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- C. A candidate shall not be deemed to be in violation of this section if he or she accepts a contribution that exceeds the contribution limitations for persons set forth in Section 2.115.300, but conforms to the contribution limitation for organizations set forth in this section, from an entity that does not constitute an organization within the meaning of Section 2.115.255. It is the intent of this section to make the entity and the individuals or persons making up the entity, and not the candidate, liable for violations of this section occurring as a result of an entity not constituting an organization making a contribution in excess of the limitations set forth in Section 2.115.300.

SECTION 3. Section 2.115.320, Chapter 2.115, Title 2, of the Sacramento

County Code is amended to read as follows:

# 2.115.320 Aggregate Contribution Limitations.

- A. Except as provided for in subsection C, no candidate shall accept contributions totaling more than forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00) in any single off-election year. The intent of this section is to impose an absolute limit of forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00) on the total amount of contributions from all sources received by any incumbent or candidate in any single off-election year, even if no single contribution exceeds the contribution limits set forth in Sections 2.115.300 and 2.115.310.
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C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a contribution received by a candidate in an off-election year that is used to repay a loan received by the candidate in the previous election cycle, which loan constituted a contribution subject to the provisions of this chapter, shall not be subject to the forty-seven thousand dollar (\$47,000.00) aggregate off-election year contribution limitation.

SECTION 4. This ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on October 24, 2023, and on November 7, 2023, further reading was waived by the unanimous vote of the Supervisors present.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same, said publication to be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sacramento.

On a motion by Supervisor Serna, seconded by Supervisor Hume, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, this 7th day of November 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

Supervisors Frost, Hume, Kennedy, Serna, Desmond

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

RECUSAL:

None

(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))

(SEAL)

Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, California

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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- D. For purposes of this section, and Section 2.115.450, an individual and any general partnership in which the individual is a general partner, or an individual and any corporation in which the individual owns a controlling interest, shall be treated as one person.
- E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections C and D hereof, a candidate shall not be deemed to be in violation of this section if he or she accepts a contribution from a person that was made to such candidate in violation of subsections C and D. It is the intent of this section to make contributors, and not candidates, liable for violations of this section occurring as a result of the applicability of subsections C and D to a contribution.

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  - 1. In any primary election period;
  - 2. In any general election period;
  - 3. In any special election period; or
  - 4. In any special runoff election period.
- B. To the extent that a candidate receives a contribution in excess of the limits imposed in subsection A, such candidate shall remit any amount in excess of the limitations set forth in subsection A to the Registrar of Voters for deposit in the Campaign Reform Fund, or return such amount to the donor, no later than the next date on which the candidate is required to file, or does file, a State or County campaign statement.
- C. A candidate shall not be deemed to be in violation of this section if he or she accepts a contribution that exceeds the contribution limitations for persons set forth in Section 2.115.300, but conforms to the contribution limitation for organizations set forth in this section, from an entity that does not constitute an organization within the meaning of Section 2.115.255. It is the intent of this section to make the entity and the individuals or persons making up the entity, and not the candidate, liable for violations of this section occurring as a result of an entity not constituting an organization making a contribution in excess of the limitations set forth in Section 2.115.300.

SECTION 3. Section 2.115.320, Chapter 2.115, Title 2, of the Sacramento

County Code is amended to read as follows:

# 2.115.320 Aggregate Contribution Limitations.

- A. Except as provided for in subsection C, no candidate shall accept contributions totaling more than forty-seven thousand dollars (\$40,00047,000.00) in any single off-election year. The intent of this section is to impose an absolute limit of forty-seven thousand dollars (\$40,00047,000.00) on the total amount of contributions from all sources received by any incumbent or candidate in any single off-election year, even if no single contribution exceeds the contribution limits set forth in Sections 2.115.300 and 2.115.310.
- B. To the extent that a candidate receives contributions in any single offelection year in excess of the limit imposed by subsection A, such candidate shall remit any amount in excess of the limitation set forth in subsection A to the Registrar of Voters for deposit in the Campaign Reform Fund, or to return such amount to the donor,

no later than the next date on which the candidate is required to file, or does file, a State or County campaign statement.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a contribution received by a candidate in an off-election year that is used to repay a loan received by the candidate in the previous election cycle, which loan constituted a contribution subject to the provisions of this chapter, shall not be subject to the forty-seven thousand dollar (\$40,00047,000.00) aggregate off-election year contribution limitation.

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This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same, said publication to be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sacramento.

# **STRIKETHROUGH**

On a	a motion by Supervisor	, seconded by Supervisor
	, the for	egoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the
Board of Su	upervisors of the Count	y of Sacramento, State of California, this day o
	2023, by the foll	owing vote:
AYES:	Supervisors,	
NOES:	Supervisors,	
ABSENT:	Supervisors,	
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors,	
RECUSAL: (PER POLITICAL F	Supervisors, REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))	
(SEAL)	_	Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, California
	Clerk, Board of Superv	risors
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# COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

For the Agenda of: October 24, 2023

To:

Board of Supervisors

Through:

Ann Edwards, County Executive

From:

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Subject:

Introduce An Ordinance Amending Sections 2.115.300, 2.115.310 And 2.115.320 Relating To Contribution Limits For On-Election Years And An Aggregate Limit Pursuant To The Review Of Biennial Contribution Limit Adjustments; Waive Full Reading Of The Ordinance And Continue To November 7, 2023 For Adoption; And Approve The

Creation Of A Campaign Finance Ad-Hoc Committee

District(s):

All

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- 1. Introduce an Ordinance amending Sections 2.115.300, 2.115.310 And 2.115.320 to include recommended adjustments to the contribution limits of a person and organization for "on-election" years and aggregate limit pursuant to the review of biennial adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U);
- 2. Waive full reading of the ordinance and continue the ordinance to November 7, 2024 for adoption; and
- 3. Approve the creation of a Campaign Finance ad-hoc committee comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, County Counsel, Clerk of Board, Registrar of Voters and Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer to meet if and/or as needed every odd year to review the Campaign ordinance.

# **BACKGROUND**

On June 5, 2019, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") adopted amendments to the Campaign Finance ordinance relating to contribution limits for a person and organization and aggregate limits and added a new section related to the biennial review of contribution limit adjustments pursuant to the CPI-U starting in October 2021 and every odd year thereafter. Per the Ordinance the Board may authorize adjustments to increase contribution limits biennially to be in scale with the current changes in the CPI-U to provide candidates the ability to raise funds to conduct an election

campaign. The last biennial increase was adopted by the Board on October 19, 2021.

SCC chapter 2.115 sets campaign contribution limitations made by a person and organization and aggregate limits towards the election campaign of a Board of Supervisor. The current contribution limits below apply to the Primary, General, Special and Runoff elections.

# **Current Contribution Limits**

Individual Contribution Limit – Off Election Year	Organization Contribution Limit – Off Election Year	Individual Contribution Limit – On Election Year	Organization Contribution Limit – On Election Year	Aggregate Contribution Limit – Off Election Year
\$250	\$250	\$1,300	\$2,700	\$40,000

According to the CPI-U, from 2020 to 2022 the cost of living increased by 9.0 percent. Therefore, costs may have increased since the last adoption of the contribution limits to run an election campaign. The chart below reflects the proposed staff recommended contribution limits from a person and organization and aggregate limit.

# **Proposed Contribution Limits**

Individual Contribution Limit – Off Election Year	Organization Contribution Limit – Off Election Year	Individual Contribution Limit – On Election Year	Organization Contribution Limit – On Election Year	Aggregate Contribution Limit – Off Election Year
\$250	\$250	\$1,465	\$2,931	\$47,434

Staff is not recommending to increase the \$250 contribution limits from an individual or organization during off election years to minimize additional reporting of potential conflicts of interests pursuant to Government Code section 84308. Government Code section 84308 addresses contributions made to an officer of an agency whereby an officer is prohibited from accepting, soliciting, or directing a contribution of more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) during the proceeding of an officer making a decision pertaining to a license, permit, or other entitlement for use that is pending before the hearing body of which the officer is appointed. When contributions are received of more than \$250, reporting requirements are

imposed pursuant to Government Code section 84308 sections (b), (c), (d), and (e). The County's policy sets a \$250 limit on contributions during off election years, which limits additional reporting and declaring of potential conflicts of interest during an election year (a single year).

# Local Contribution Limit (AB 571)

The County is not subject to AB 571, which became effective January 1, 2021, establishing a contribution limit for city and county elections, equal to the state legislative limit, and to be regulated and enforced by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The County adopted its own limits by ordinance and therefore is not subject to the state legislative limit.

#### Reporting Requirements

All committees must file an original Statement of Organization (Form 410) with the Secretary of State and this is the first step in qualifying as a committee at the state or county level.

Contributions made toward or received by a county committee for the election of a Board of Supervisor are reported to the Office of the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections (VRE). Contributions made toward or received by a state committee for the election of a Board of Supervisor are reported to the Secretary of State (SOS). Annual, semi-annual and 24-hour reports of contributions and expenditures are required to be maintained by the designated filing officer and is available electronically at either the VRE or SOS pursuant to the Political Reform Act (the Act) Chapter 4.6, sections 84600-84615.

Based on increased costs to conduct an election campaign, staff is recommending the Board introduce the proposed ordinance increasing the contribution limits, waive reading of the ordinance and continue the adoption of the ordinance to November 7, 2023. The proposed contribution limits are in scale with the current changes in the CPI-U and staff will monitor, track and make recommendations each biennial year on October 1 or soon thereafter.

# Ad-hoc Committee

Campaign election laws are subject to change and have evolved consistently over recent years. Staff recommends the formation of an ad-hoc committee comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, County Counsel, Clerk of the Board, Registrar of Voters and Governmental Relations-Legislative Officer relating to the review of the Campaign Finance ordinance. The composition is

representative of key stakeholders with experience, knowledge and skills pertaining to elected officials, legislative bodies and election laws and regulations. The ad-hoc committee is critical to the framework of keeping the campaign ordinance consistent with government mandates and timelines. The ad-hoc committee is not subject to the Brown Act and will meet during odd years when needed.

County Counsel concurs with the recommendations.

# **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

There is no impact to the General Fund. The function of tracking contribution limits and monitoring an adjustment cycle is delegated to the Clerk of the Board Department and duties would be performed by an existing incumbent. No additional costs is associated with the ad-hoc committee or meetings. Any costs, including recurring costs, will be absorbed in the departmental annual budget.

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  - 3. In any special election period; or
  - 4. In any special runoff election period.
- B. To the extent that a candidate receives a contribution in excess of the limits imposed in subsection A, such candidate shall remit any amount in excess of the limitations set forth in subsection A to the Registrar of Voters for deposit in the Campaign Reform Fund, or return such amount to the donor, no later than the next date on which the candidate is required to file, or does file, a State or County campaign statement.
- C. A candidate shall not be deemed to be in violation of this section if he or she accepts a contribution that exceeds the contribution limitations for persons set forth in Section 2.115.300, but conforms to the contribution limitation for organizations set forth in this section, from an entity that does not constitute an organization within the meaning of Section 2.115.255. It is the intent of this section to make the entity and the individuals or persons making up the entity, and not the candidate, liable for violations of this section occurring as a result of an entity not constituting an organization making a contribution in excess of the limitations set forth in Section 2.115.300.

SECTION 3. Section 2.115.320, Chapter 2.115, Title 2, of the Sacramento

County Code is amended to read as follows:

# 2.115.320 Aggregate Contribution Limitations.

- A. Except as provided for in subsection C, no candidate shall accept contributions totaling more than forty-seven thousand four hundred thirty-four dollars (\$40,00047,434.00) in any single off-election year. The intent of this section is to impose an absolute limit of forty-seven thousand four hundred thirty-four dollars (\$40,00047,434.00) on the total amount of contributions from all sources received by any incumbent or candidate in any single off-election year, even if no single contribution exceeds the contribution limits set forth in Sections 2.115.300 and 2.115.310.
- B. To the extent that a candidate receives contributions in any single offelection year in excess of the limit imposed by subsection A, such candidate shall remit any amount in excess of the limitation set forth in subsection A to the Registrar of Voters for deposit in the Campaign Reform Fund, or to return such amount to the donor,

no later than the next date on which the candidate is required to file, or does file, a State or County campaign statement.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a contribution received by a candidate in an off-election year that is used to repay a loan received by the candidate in the previous election cycle, which loan constituted a contribution subject to the provisions of this chapter, shall not be subject to the forty-seven thousand four hundred thirty-four dollar (\$40,00047,434.00) aggregate off-election year contribution limitation.

SECTION 4. This ordinance was introduced and the	title thereof read at the
regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on	, and on
, further reading was waived by the u	unanimous vote of the
Supervisors present.	

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same, said publication to be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sacramento.

# STRIKETHROUGH

On a	a motion by Supervisor	, seconded by Supervisor
	, the foregoing o	ordinance was passed and adopted by the
Board of S	upervisors of the County of Sac	ramento, State of California, this day or
	2023, by the following vo	ote:
AYES:	Supervisors,	
NOES:	Supervisors,	
ABSENT:	Supervisors,	
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors,	
RECUSAL: (PER POLITICAL	Supervisors, REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))	
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ATTEST: _	Clerk, Board of Supervisors	
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# CPI-All Urban Consumers (Current Series) Original Data Value

Series Id: CUURS49BSA0

Not Seasonally Adjusted

All items in San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA, all Series Title:

San Francisco All Items, 1982-1984=100 - CUURA422SA0

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Check this selection;

For CPI, go to this website;

Use number from "Annual" column for the last year.

urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted Area:

San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA

Item:

1982-84=100 Base

1986 to 2022 Period: Years:

> Calendar Year 986

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# **AGENDA ITEM CONTINUATION MEMO**

**MEETING DATE:** 

October 24, 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** 

Clerk of the Board

TITLE:

Introduce An Ordinance Amending Sections 2.115.300, 2.115.310 And 2.115.320 Relating To Contribution Limits For On-Election Years And An Aggregate Limit Pursuant To The Review Of Biennial Contribution Limit Adjustments; Waive Full Reading Of The Ordinance And Continue To November 7, 2023 For Adoption; And Approve The Creation Of A Campaign

Finance Ad-Hoc Committee

**BOARD ACTION:** 

Introduced the ordinance, waived full reading and continued to November 7,

2023, for adoption.