



## **Staff Report**

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### CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.5, CONTROL OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

#### **Summary**

Staff initially brought the existing ordinance governing campaign contributions to the City Council for discussion at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ordinance 755, enacted in 1986, establishes certain regulations pertaining to campaigns of individuals seeking election to office in Belmont (City Council, City Clerk, and City Treasurer). The ordinance has not been reviewed since then.

#### **Background**

During the January discussion, a number of policy questions were presented for Council's consideration. Council concurred that it wants to continue maintaining a local ordinance governing campaign contributions, and that it was appropriate to consider amending the existing ordinance at this time. Council also concurred with staff's recommendation that various reporting thresholds be changed to match those of State regulations, as follows:

1. Threshold for requirement to form a campaign committee will be \$1,000 collected or spent (existing ordinance requires this at \$200).
2. Threshold for itemization of individual contributions would be \$100 (existing ordinance requires itemization at \$50).
3. Anonymous ("missing contributor information") threshold would be \$100 (existing ordinance sets this at \$50).

Council also concurred that any revision to the existing ordinance should be in place prior to the November municipal election filing period, which begins in mid-July.

As noted in the January 27<sup>th</sup> report, the above three items represent the most confusion for candidates and their treasurers due to the fact that the State thresholds are delineated in the instructions for the State reporting forms. Reconciling those amounts to State thresholds will alleviate that confusion.

Due to the lateness of the hour, and the desire for additional clarification on the various other policy questions posed, the matter was continued. Subsequently, a subcommittee was formed to flush out the details of proposed amendments to this ordinance.

### **Discussion**

The Council subcommittee (Wozniak/Dickenson) met with City Clerk Cook to discuss the various policy issues raised during the previous meeting. Details of other cities' ordinances were also discussed (see attachment B).

The subcommittee makes the following recommendations for Council's consideration:

1. Include the goal of grass roots campaigning in the "purpose and intent" statement of any revised ordinance.
2. Recommend some limit on anonymous contributions (no dollar figure proposed – if this is desired, Council should propose an amount)
3. \$250 limit on individual contributions
4. Prohibit all but individual contributions (i.e., no business or organization contributions)

Should Item 4 above be approved as recommended, this would result in the elimination of any verbiage in the existing ordinance having to do with Political Action Committees (PAC), as those contributions would be prohibited under the proposal, since PAC's are not individuals.

Council will recall that one of the questions posed by staff at the January meeting was whether or not it wanted to consider a voluntary spending limit. Councilmember Feierbach raised concerns regarding problems in other cities and at the State level regarding those types of limits.

From staff's research, it appears that only two other cities include mandatory spending limits in their ordinances. The City of Rolling Hills Estate advised that there have been no issues related to their ordinance. However, that city's staff noted that they are a very small community, and they have had several uncontested races in recent years. We did not contact Southgate, as that city has many other issues going on unrelated to their campaign ordinance, so staff did not feel that any information from them would be helpful.

The subcommittee recommended that the additional campaign filing the Friday just prior to election day should remain.

### **General Plan/Vision Statement**

No impact.

### **Fiscal Impact**

No fiscal impact, other than minor publication costs for any new, modified, or repealed ordinance.

**Public Contact**

Posting of the agenda.

**Recommendation**

Council should discuss the recommendations of the subcommittee and provide direction for a future ordinance amendment.

**Attachments**

- A. Belmont Ordinance 755, enacted 1986 (Municipal Code Chapter 8.5)
- B. Information regarding other California city campaign ordinances

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter 8.5 CONTROL OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS\*

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**\*Editor's note:** Section 1 of Ord. No. 755, adopted Nov. 12, 1986, added ch. 25, which the editor has redesignated ch. 8.5 in order to maintain alphabetical sequence of chapter titles.

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Sec. 8.5-1. Purpose and intent.

It is the intent of the city council of the City of Belmont in enacting this chapter to place realistic and enforceable limits on the amount which may be contributed to political campaigns in municipal elections, for the purpose of preventing potential improper or undue influence over elected officials by campaign contributions, and to ensure against election victories based primarily on the amount expended on campaigns.

This chapter is intended to supplement the Political Reform Act of 1974; and in the event of a conflict between the act and this article, that act shall prevail. This chapter is enacted pursuant to article XI, section 17 of the Constitution of the State of California, and section 22808 of the California Elections Code.

This chapter shall not apply to contributions or other amounts given to a committee which is organized solely for the purpose of supporting or opposing the qualifications for the ballot or adoption of one or more City measures.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-2. Definitions.

Except for those terms specifically defined herein, the definitions set forth in sections 82000 et seq. of the California Government Code shall be applicable to the provisions and terms of this chapter.

(a) *Candidate* means an individual who is listed on the ballot or who has qualified to have write-in votes on his or her behalf counted by election officials, for nomination for or election to any elective office, or who receives a contribution or make an expenditure or gives his or her consent for any other person to receive a contribution or make an expenditure with a view to bringing about his or her nomination or election to any elective office, whether or not the specific elective office for which he or she will seek nomination or election is known at the time the contribution is received or the expenditure is made and whether or not he or she has announced his or her candidacy or filed a declaration of candidacy at such time. "Candidate" also includes any office holder who is the subject of a recall election. An individual who becomes a candidate shall retain his or her status as a candidate until such time as that status is terminated pursuant to Government Code section 84214.

(b) *Committee* means any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly does any of the following:

(1) Receives contributions for political purposes totaling five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more in a calendar year;

(2) Makes independent expenditures for political purposes totaling five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more in a calendar year.

(c) *Contribution* means a payment, a forgiveness of a loan, a payment of a loan by a third party, or an enforceable promise to make a payment except to the extent that full and adequate consideration is received unless it is clear from the surrounding circumstances that it is not made for political purposes. An expenditure made at the behest of a candidate, committee or elected officer is a contribution to the candidate, committee or elected officer unless full and adequate consideration is received for making the expenditure.

(1) The term "contribution" includes the purchase of tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies and similar fundraising events; the granting of discounts or rebates not extended to the public generally or the granting of discounts or rebates by television and radio stations and newspapers not extended on an equal basis to all candidates for the same office; the payment of compensation by any person for the personal services or expenses of any other person if such services are rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of a candidate or committee without payment and adequate consideration.

(2) The term "contribution" further includes any transfer of anything of value received by a committee from another committee, unless full and adequate consideration is received.

(3) The term "contribution" does not include amounts received pursuant to an enforceable promise to the extent such amounts have been previously reported as a contribution. However, the fact that such amounts have been received shall be indicated in the appropriate campaign statement.

(4) The term "contribution" does not include a payment made by an occupant of a home or office for costs related to any meeting or fundraising event held in the occupant's home or office if the costs for the meeting or fundraising event are five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or less.

(5) Notwithstanding the foregoing definition of "contribution," the term does not include the candidate's own money or property used on behalf of his or her candidacy, personal services or payments made by any individual for his or her own travel expenses if such payments are made voluntarily without any understanding or agreement that they shall be, directly or indirectly, repaid to him or her.

(d) *Controlled committee* means a committee which is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or which acts jointly with a candidate or controlled committee in connection with the making of expenditures. A candidate controls a committee if he, his agent or any other committee he controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee.

(e) *Organization* means any entity other than an individual, political action committee or controlled committee of a candidate, but includes businesses (including sole proprietorships), and nonprofit corporations or unincorporated associations.

(f) *Political action committee* means any committee as defined in this chapter other than a controlled committee of a candidate.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

### Sec. 8.5-3. Campaign contributions by individuals.

No individual shall make, and no candidate shall receive from any individual, any contribution to the campaign of any individual candidate for any City of Belmont elective public office in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in any calendar year.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-4. Campaign contributions by organizations.

No organization shall make, and no candidate shall receive from any organization, any contribution to the campaign of any individual candidate for any City of Belmont elective office in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in any calendar year.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-5. Campaign contributions by political action committees.

No political action committee shall make, and no candidate shall receive from any political action committee, any contribution to the campaign of any individual candidate for any City of Belmont elective public office in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in any calendar year. No candidate may receive any contributions in excess of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) combined total contributions from political action committees in any calendar year.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-6. Contributions under assumed name.

No person shall make a contribution for any other person under an assumed name or under the name of any other person.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-7. Anonymous contributions.

(a) Contributions, not to exceed a total of fifty dollars (\$50.00) from any one (1) person or source, are permitted to be retained by a candidate or any committee, including a committee supporting or opposing the passage of a measure, when received from anonymous sources or from persons who do not consent to having their name made known. Any such amount in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be turned over to the finance director and deposited to the city's treasury.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) above, no person shall knowingly accept any contribution in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) without obtaining the name, address and occupation of the person making the contribution. For amounts of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more, the employer's name must also be obtained for reporting purposes.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-8. Contributions by city contractors.

(a) No person who contracts with the city, either for the rendition of personal services or for the furnishing of any material, supplies or equipment to the city, or for selling any land or building to the city, directly or indirectly, shall make any contributions to a candidate or committee at any time between the commencement of negotiations for and during the completion of the performance under, or the termination of negotiations for, such contract or the furnishing of material, supplies, equipment, land or building, whichever occurs later.

(b) No candidate, agent for a candidate, committee or agent for a committee shall knowingly solicit any contribution from any person prohibited by subsection (a) of this subsection from making such a contribution.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-9. Business contributions.

If a contribution is received pursuant to section 8.5-3 from a person, other than an individual, and the person is controlled by an individual, either by controlling interest in stock, percentage of ownership, or directorship or voting rights, the contribution of that person shall be deemed the contribution of the controlling individual. The controlling individual shall not make any further contribution to a candidate or committee at any time thereafter. Any contribution from a person, other than an individual, shall identify all persons owning more than a ten (10) percent proprietary or voting interest in the person.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-10. Excess contributions.

The total contributions exceeding the maximum provided for in sections 8.5-3 through 8.5-9 will be deposited in the general fund of the city, earmarked to be used for the purpose of defraying the costs of municipal elections.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-11. Statements generally.

(a) *Required.* Each candidate and each committee shall file as a public record with the city clerk four (4) sworn cumulative itemized reports showing the total amounts of contributions received and expenditures made with respect to such election. The required statements may be completed on campaign statement forms required to be filed by state law so long as such forms are completed in sufficient detail to comply with the requirements of this chapter. Such statements shall contain a declaration by the candidate or committee chairperson that the candidate or committee has neither accepted nor solicited any campaign contribution in excess of the limitations of or in contravention of sections 8.5-3 through 8.5-9 inclusive.

(b) *Contributions.* Each campaign statement shall show the total cumulative amount of contributions received during the period covered by the statement from persons who have given fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less and the total cumulative amount of contributions received during the period covered by the statement from persons who have given a total of more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each person who has contributed a total of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more shall be listed by name, address, occupation, employer and amount contributed. Each person contributing less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and who has consented to publication shall be listed by name, address, occupation and employer. The total amount received from anonymous sources and from persons contributing fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less who have not consented to publication shall be listed. In the event that any portion of the contributions were received in connection with a fundraiser event, then the statement shall list the number of people in attendance, the gross receipts, the date and location of each event.

(c) *Expenditures Generally.* Each campaign statement shall show the total amount of expenditures made during the period covered by the statement.

(d) *Estimated Future Expenditures.* The campaign statement required to be filed by the candidate or committee upon the Friday next preceding the election date shall include, in addition to all other information required by this article, a statement of estimated additional expenditures which the candidate or committee chairperson reasonably expects to expend on or

before the election date. There shall be no violation of this article if such estimate is unintentionally at variance with the amounts actually expended.

(e) *Times for Filing Generally.* Campaign statements required under this section shall be filed at the following times:

(1) Between forty (40) and forty-five (45) days prior to the election, such statement to cover the period up to and including the forty-fifth day.

(2) Between twelve (12) and seventeen (17) days prior to the election, such statement to cover the period up to and including the seventeenth day.

(3) On the Friday preceding the election date to cover the period through the previous day.

(4) Between fifty-eight (58) and sixty-five (65) days following the election, such statement to cover the period through the fifty-eighth day following the election.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-12. Declaration in lieu of campaign statement.

A candidate or committee need not file a campaign statement if the lawful receipts or expenditures do not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00); provided, that the candidate or committee chairperson shall file a written declaration with the finance director that to the best of his or her knowledge not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) has been received or expended on behalf of, in support of, or in opposition to a candidacy or measure, and that contributions have not exceeded those limitations established in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-13. Suppliers of goods and services; disclosure of records required.

No person who supplies goods or services, or both goods and services, to a candidate or committee for use in connection with the campaign of the candidate or for or against a measure shall refuse knowingly to divulge or disclose to the enforcement authority his record of any expenditure made by the candidate or committee in payment for such goods or services, or both.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-14. Violations and penalties.

Any person who knowingly or wilfully violates any provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any willful or knowing failure to report applicable law shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

Sec. 8.5-15. Effect of violation on election.

(a) The election to office of any candidate who is convicted of a violation of any provision of this chapter shall be void, and such office shall become vacant immediately if the candidate is the incumbent or upon the date the candidate would otherwise have taken office. The vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies in city offices are filled. If a candidate is convicted of a violation of this chapter prior to the time when the election is to take place, his or her candidacy shall be terminated immediately and he or she shall be ineligible for that election. Any person convicted of a violation of this chapter shall be ineligible to hold any office, whether

elective or appointive, for a period of five (5) years for each such conviction from and after the date of conviction.

(b) The city clerk shall not issue any certificate of election to any candidate until the campaign statements required by section 8.5-12 or, if no campaign statement is required, the written declaration permitted by section 84212 of the California Government Code, have been filed in the form and at the place required by the Political Reform Act of 1974 as amended. The city council shall not adopt a resolution declaring any candidate to be nominated or elected until such statements or declaration have been filed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 755, § 1, 11-12-86)

**Information Regarding Other Cities' Campaign Ordinances**

Aroura Hills

\$250 individual limit

Six months restriction on collecting (i.e., 6 months prior to election)

No anonymous contributions more than \$5.00

Albany

\$100 individual limit if voluntary spending not accepted

\$250 individual limit if accepted

Per election, not calendar

Cap on anonymous \$200

Voluntary spending limit \$.70/voter

Anaheim

\$1500 (adjusted for inflation) individual limit

Per election cycle

Bell Gardens

Voluntary spending limit \$1.00/resident

\$100 individual limit if voluntary spending not accepted

No cap if accepted (other than State limit)

Benicia

Additional filing Wed before election and Friday after election

Berkeley

Requires a treasurer (can be candidate) and expressly prohibits collection of contributions in absence or vacancy of

Brentwood

Additional filing 4 days prior (same as Belmont)

California City

Threshold for individual reporting is \$50 (as opposed to \$100 at State level)

Chico

\$500 individual limit per 4-year election cycle

Prohibits all anonymous contributions

Additional filing 5 days prior to election

\$50 threshold for individual contributions to city measure

Chula Vista

\$300 individual limit per election

Permits only individual contributions (no organizations)

\$5,000 personal loan limit, and need to send notice to all candidates if intent to lone oneself money

Bank account needs to be within San Diego County

### Claremont

\$250 individual limit per calendar year

### Coronado

Contributions of \$5 or more needs to be itemized

Committees must file statements before successful candidate is sworn into office – no certification of election of candidate is issued without statement

Statements to be made available in city library by day following submittal and retained there for six months (city clerk does this)

Filers required to make copy of all checks and retain for one year

\$200 individual limit per calendar year

Permits only individual contributions (no organizations)

90 days before election, city appoints special counsel to oversee election and filings

### Cotati

\$350 individual contribution per election cycle

Contribution by minor child deemed to be a contribution by parent

Debt retirement deadline at end of election cycle (e.g., Dec 31 of Nov election)

Spouse of candidate subject to \$350 limit (i.e., no loans from spouse)

\$50 threshold for itemization

Copy of statements posted to city's website

### Davis

\$100 per "candidacy period" (defined)

\$10 limit on anonymous contributions

\$250 threshold for itemization

### Del Mar

\$250 threshold for formation of committee

\$100 individual contribution limit

Enforcement by special counsel appointed by City Council

### Dublin

\$300 individual contribution limit

### El Segundo

Prohibits anonymous contributions

\$500 individual contribution limit

List zip code (only) of contributions less than \$100

### Encinitas

\$250 individual contribution limit

Campaign signs addressed in ordinance

### Escondido

\$500 individual contribution limit with escalator clause

Extension of credit more than 30 days prohibited

Extension of credit exceeding \$5,000 prohibited

\$100,000 limit on candidate's personal loan to campaign

Bank must be in Escondido and need to provide name of bank to city clerk  
Contributions required to be deposited within 3 days of receipt  
Prohibition on any anonymous contributions  
Enforcement by special counsel appointed by City Council

Fairfield

Voluntary limit \$.20/resident

Fountain Valley

\$500 individual contribution limit per election

Fremont

\$500 individual contribution limit per election, with escalator clause  
Additional filing Friday prior to election

Galt

\$100 individual contribution limit per election, includes for city measures  
\$25 threshold for itemizing contributions  
\$10 anonymous contribution threshold  
Candidates/treasurers required to attend a training class

Hayward

Voluntary expenditure limit \$50,000 (w/CPI)  
\$250 individual contribution limit if voluntary not accepted  
\$1,000 if voluntary accepted  
Contributions per election cycle

Hermosa Beach

\$250 individual contribution limit per election

Highland

Voluntary expenditure limit \$1.00/resident

Huntington Beach

\$500 individual contribution limit (w/CPI)  
Loans beyond 30 days subject to \$500 limit

Irvine

\$300 per election cycle (w/CPI)

La Mesa

Voluntary expenditure limit \$1.00/resident

Laguna Beach

\$360 individual contribution limit (w/CPI)  
No transfers from other campaigns, including others of candidate  
Loans subject to some restrictions  
In-kind contributions subject to limit  
Can't carry balance to next election

Prohibition on taking money from persons having business dealings with the city for 12 months prior  
No delivery of contributions allowed on city property

#### Laguna Niguel

\$1,000 individual contribution limit  
Minors' contributions considered parents' contribution  
Loans to candidate must be in writing and included with filing  
\$50 threshold for itemization  
\$50 threshold for anonymous contributions

#### Pomona

\$500 individual contribution limit for city council  
\$1,000 individual contribution limit for mayor race  
No loans longer than 30 days  
Contribution limits on calendar year  
No cash contribution greater than \$99  
No anonymous contributions allowed "for the purpose of avoiding reporting requirement"  
\$25 threshold for itemization  
If candidate convicted in court of violation of ordinance, votes are not counted

#### San Francisco (considerable regulations)

Requires candidate and their treasurer to attend training by Ethics Committee  
Outlines guidelines for electronic filing  
Addresses signature gathering  
\$500 individual contribution limit  
No corporate contributions  
Per election cycle  
Outstanding loan limits: \$15,000 for Board of Sups, Board of Education or Community College District;  
\$120,000 for Mayor; \$35,000 for Assessor, Public Defender, Treasurer, DA, or Sheriff  
Required to pay all accrued expenses within 180 days of election  
Addresses post-election legal proceedings  
No contributions allowed until a declared candidate  
Addresses contributions from contractors  
Voluntary spending limit: \$229,000 for Assessor, etc., \$724,000 for Mayor, \$140,000 for Board of Sups,  
\$98,000 for all others  
CPI applies  
Supplemental reporting requirements for Board of Supervisors  
Addresses duties of Ethics Committee, lobbying, and whistle blowing

#### San Jose

Elections Commission  
If no voluntary limit accepted, contributions allowed: \$100 per primary, general or special, \$250 mayoral  
If voluntary limit accepted, \$250/\$500 individual contribution limit  
Voluntary expenditure limit is \$.75 per resident plus \$1.00 per district  
No anonymous contributions  
No contributions from anyone associated with cardrooms  
Per election year  
\$20,000 limit on outstanding loan from candidate  
Information regarding acceptance of voluntary expenditure limit included on ballot

Any candidate not accepting limit and who has money or has made expenditures equal to 75% of expenditure limit, then the limit is tripled for those who accepted the limit.

No retirement of debt collection following end of collection period (defined in ordinance)

Additional filings (several)

Clerk to publish campaign information in newspaper (mandated by ordinance)

#### Santa Ana

\$1,000 individual contribution limit per election cycle

#### Lancaster

Voluntary expenditure limit of \$.75 per resident

#### Lemon Grove

\$250 individual contribution limit

No extension of credit beyond 30 days or \$250 (except personal loan)

Cannot use more than \$250 of anonymous contributions

#### Livermore

No contributions accepted except during election period

\$250 individual contribution limit per election

\$50 limit on anonymous contributions

Additional filing Thursday prior to election (noon)

#### Merced

\$500 individual contribution limit per election (CPI applies)

\$2,000 per "entity"

Loan limit \$500/\$2,000

#### Milpitas

\$350 individual contribution limit per election

#### Modesto

\$3,000 threshold for "major contributor" (State level is \$5,000)

Additional filing five days prior to election

List of donors contribution \$100 or more to be prepared by city clerk four days prior to election

#### Montclair

Voluntary expenditure limit \$.25 per resident

#### Mt. View

Filings linked to candidates on city's website within five days of filing

No contributions can be accepted between the Tuesday prior to election and the day after election

Additional filing Thursday before election

Voluntary expenditure limit \$15,000 (in 2000), 3% increase each year (now approx \$18,500)

If voluntary limit accepted, city pays towards cost of candidate statement (any amount over \$500)

#### Newark

Voluntary expenditure limit \$1.00 per resident

If limit accepted, \$500 individual contribution limit (including businesses)

If not accepted, limit is \$100

#### Newport Beach

\$500 individual contribution limit per election

Anonymous limit is \$200 cumulative per election

If 200 or more pieces of campaign material produced, file 10 copies with clerk

Clerk required to mail copies of campaign filings to anyone who has provided SASE

#### Novato

Voluntary expenditure limit \$1.00 per resident

#### Ontario

Voluntary expenditure limit \$1.00 per resident for Mayor race, \$.75 for Council race

#### Orange

Expenditure limits: \$1,000 Mayor/Council/Clerk/Treasurer, \$500 recall, \$1,000 special, all per election

Prohibition on contribution from one candidate to another in same election

Language included regarding slate mailers

Loans allowed only with written agreement

No outstanding loans allowed exceeding \$100,000

Prohibition of transfer of contributions on city property

Late filing fee \$10 per day if more than 10 days late

#### Pacific Grove

Only individual contributions allowed, no business/organization

\$500 individual contribution limit (CPI applies)

Additional filing Friday before election

Need to recuse if contribution over \$250 from anyone with business before city council

#### Patterson

\$25 limit on anonymous contributions

\$25 threshold for itemization

\$25 limit on contributions during seven days before election

#### Petaluma

\$200 individual contribution limit per election cycle

Cannot contribute more than \$200 to retire old debt

Additional filing Thursday prior to election

Requirement to provide city clerk's office with copy of campaign literature

Limits on extension of credit

#### Pico Rivera

Lobbyists prohibited from contribution for 30 days before election

Lobbyists required to file contribution report

#### Pleasant Hill

Monetary contribution limits: \$500 individual, \$1,000 PAC

In-kind contribution limits: \$1,000 individual, \$2,000 PAC (is cumulative with monetary)

Prohibition on contributions made three days before election day and election day

Additional filing Friday prior to election day

Poway

\$100 individual contribution limit per election cycle  
No anonymous contributions  
Individual contributions only (no business/organization)  
\$200 threshold for need for separate bank account and to form committee  
City clerk to have access to bank account  
Unused funds to be disbursed within 90 days after election  
Additional filing Friday prior to election  
\$25 threshold for itemization

Rancho Palos Verdes

Voluntary expenditure limit \$1.00 per resident  
Verbiage included regarding suspension of expenditure limit due to Prop 209 (?)

Rohnert Park

\$500 individual contribution limit per election cycle  
Ordinance to be reviewed every four years  
No carryover of funds to next election cycle

Rolling Hills

\$250 individual contribution limit per election cycle  
Loan requires written agreement  
Limit of \$5,000 from personal funds  
Expenditure limit (mandatory) \$5,000

Roseville

\$5,000 carryover limit (from one election to next)  
\$500 individual contribution if voluntary expenditure limit accepted  
\$250 if not accepted  
Additional filing dates: first of month during campaign period, October 21 and December 31  
City clerk to publish list of contributors

San Fernando

\$500 individual contribution per election (CPI applies, by reso each even-numbered years)  
\$500 limit on carryover of funds to next election

San Juan Capistrano

\$250 individual contribution limit per election cycle  
\$500 limit on aggregate anonymous contributions

San Luis Obispo

\$200 individual contribution limit per election cycle  
\$50 anonymous contribution limit  
Prohibition of accepting contributions exceeding \$50 eight days before election, except from family members  
Late filing of contributions exceeding \$1,000 16 days after election  
Bank account must be in SLO

City clerk to have access to bank records  
Disbursal of unused funds 90 days after election, and committee must be terminated  
\$50 threshold for itemization

#### Santa Barbara

Voluntary expenditure limit \$50,000  
Bank account must be in city limits, and name and account number given to city clerk  
Requirement to deposit contributions within 30 days or send back  
\$100 limit on petty cash fund  
Photocopy of contribution checks required to be made  
Four-year retention of records and make available to city clerk if demanded  
Additional filing Friday before election  
Total contributions over \$5,000 need to be filed electronically by candidate

#### Santa Clarita

\$360 individual contribution limit  
\$1,000 loan limit (from others, not candidate's money)

#### Santa Cruz

Voluntary expenditure limit \$.35 per resident (CPI applies)  
Must form committee regardless of amount to be spent  
\$1,000 must be own money or 250 signatures  
\$250 individual/\$600 organization (PAC) limit if voluntary expenditure accepted (CPI applies)  
If voluntary accepted, candidate can submit 400-word statement and one photo to post on City website (plus one additional language if translation provided by candidate), can maintain electronic filing (city bears cost to maintain)  
If no limit accepted, filing fee for appearing on website  
Additional filing Friday before election

#### Santa Monica

\$250 individual contribution per election  
Loans subject to contribution limit  
Extension of credit beyond 30 days prohibited

#### Santee

Bank account must be in city limits  
\$600 individual contribution limit per election, includes payments for past election debt (CPI applies)  
Only individual or sole proprietor contributions allowed  
\$100,000 limit on personal (candidate's) loan

#### Scotts Valley

Voluntary expenditure limit \$1.00 per resident (CPI applies)  
If limit not accepted, \$100 individual contribution limit, and only individual contributions allowed  
Prohibition on individuals with "certain personal services or selling land over \$5,000 in value" from contribution  
If limits accepted, only subject to State regulations

#### Signal Hill

Requirement to establish a bank account within five days of receipt of contribution

Name of bank and account number on file with city clerk  
Additional filing 14 days after election  
\$440 individual contribution limit (w/12% increase in 2010)  
Extension of credit only for 60 days  
Independent Expenditure threshold \$500

#### Simi Valley

\$1,000 individual contribution limit per election  
Contributions made only during election cycle  
Extension of credit only 30 days

#### Sonoma

If voluntary expenditure limit accepted, \$200 individual contribution limit  
If not accepted, \$100  
Non-monetary limit \$400/\$800  
Cannot withdraw voluntary limit document once agreed to  
Within last 10 days before election, report contributions exceeding \$100/\$400

#### Southgate

\$1,000 individual contribution per election (includes in-kind)  
Cash contributions limited to \$25  
Expenditure limit \$30,000 (mandated)

#### Thousand Oaks

\$350 individual contribution per election (CPI applies)  
No contributions beyond six months after election  
No contributions 90 days after withdrawal as candidate, defeat, or after debts paid off (otherwise money goes to city general fund)  
60-day limit on loans  
\$25 limit on anonymous contributions  
Additional filing Tuesday before election  
Special report \$10,000 limit

#### Torrance

Self-loan limit \$30,000  
No cash contributions over \$20  
\$100 individual contribution per election  
Email/phone restrictions of candidate's committee (200 pieces)

#### Ukiah

\$200 individual contribution per election cycle if voluntary limit not accepted  
\$500 if limit accepted  
Voluntary spending limit \$5,000 (CPI applies)  
If limit accepted, city pays half cost of ballot statement and will post 500-word statement and photo to city website  
Carryover of funds to subsequent election allowed if limit accepted  
Additional filing noon Friday before election day  
Requirement to retire debt by end of "election cycle" (defined)  
Requirement for city clerk to scan reports to web