

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-8843**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA  
ESTABLISHING THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN VOLUNTARY  
EXPENDITURE LIMIT AND THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION  
LIMIT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL  
ELECTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2.130 (Political Campaign Finance Reform Act) of "The Code of the City of Santa Clara, California" (City Code) contains provisions (i) limiting the expenditure of campaign funds by the candidates and (ii) controlling the campaign contributions to candidates for elective office in the City of Santa Clara;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.130.160 (Candidate acceptance or rejection of expenditure limits) of the City Code provided for an initial voluntary expenditure limit of \$25,000, but further provided that the \$25,000 limit was to be adjusted for the cost of living prior to each election. The expenditure limit was last adjusted to \$45,590 by the City Council on October 8, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.130.050 (Limits on contributions from persons) of the City Code provided for an initial individual contribution limit of \$500 from any candidate that accepted the voluntary expenditure limit and \$250 for any candidate that did not. The contribution limit was last adjusted to \$620 and \$300, respectively; and,

**WHEREAS**, contribution limits established by City Code shall be adjusted on an annual basis by a percentage equal to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco Bay Area (CPI).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. City Council sets the voluntary expenditure limit to \$46,420 based on CPI adjustments for city-wide contests. City Council sets a separate voluntary expenditure limit for district-based contests of \$25,000 (with future adjustments based on CPI). City Council sets the individual campaign contributions based on CPI adjustments as:

A. \$630 for candidates who accept the voluntary expenditure limit.

B. \$310 for candidates who do not accept the voluntary expenditure limit

2. The political campaign voluntary expenditure limit and campaign contribution limits established by Resolution No. 19-8763 (adopted October 8, 2019) are hereby repealed.

3. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2020, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCILORS: Chahal, Davis, Hardy, O'Neill, and Watanabe, and Mayor Gillmor

NOES: COUNCILORS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILORS: None

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS: None

ATTEST:   
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CITY CLERK

Attachments incorporated by reference: None