

Palo Alto Municipal Code

2.40.040 Contributions and contributors.

The city clerk shall post online on the city's public website within five days of the date on which campaign statements are required to be filed in accordance with applicable California and local laws, rules and regulations, including the rules and regulations of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, the name of each person and committee from whom a contribution or contributions totaling \$50.00 or more have been received, the amounts each person or committee contributed, and the candidates or committees which received such amounts, as such information appear on the campaign statements filed within the six-month period prior to the election pursuant to Article 2, (commencing with Section 84200) of the Government Code.

For the purposes of this section, the definitions contained in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 82000) of the Government Code apply.

(Ord. 5045 § 1, 2009; Ord. 3189 § 1, 1980; Ord. 2843 § 1, 1975)

2.40.050 Anonymous contributions.

No person shall make an anonymous contribution or contributions to a candidate, committee, or any other person totaling \$50.00 or more in a calendar year. An anonymous contribution between \$50.00 and \$100.00 shall not be kept by the intended recipient, but instead shall be promptly paid to the city clerk for deposit in the general fund of this city.

(Ord. 3189 § 2, 1980)

2.40.060 Disclosure in campaign statements.

Each campaign statement required to be filed by Article 2 of Chapter 4 of the Political Reform Act of 1974, shall contain, in addition to any other required information:

(a) The total amount of contributions received during the period covered by the campaign statement from persons who have given less than \$50.00.

(b) The full name of each person from whom a contribution or contributions totaling between fifty and \$100.00 has been received, together with the contributor's street address, occupation, and the name of the contributor's employer, if any, or the principal place of

business if the contributor is self-employed, the amount of the contribution, and the date the contribution was received.

(Ord. 3189 § 3, 1980)

2.40.065 Electronic filing of campaign statements.

(a) Any elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file statements, reports or other documents described by Chapter 4 (Campaign Disclosure) of Title 9 (Political Reform) of the California Government Code, and that has received contributions and made expenditures of \$1,000 or more, shall electronically file such statements using procedures established by the city clerk.

(b) Once an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person files a statement, report, or other document electronically pursuant to subsection (a), all future statements, reports, or other documents on behalf of that filer shall be filed electronically.

(c) In any instance in which an original statement, report, or other document must be filed with the California Secretary of State and a copy of that statement, report, or other document is required to be filed with the city clerk, the filer may, but is not required to file the copy electronically.

(d) If the city clerk's electronic system is not capable of accepting a particular type of statement, report, or other document, an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person shall file that document with the city clerk in an alternative format.

(Ord. 5249 § 2, 2014)

2.40.070 Election campaigns - Voluntary expenditure ceiling.

* **Editor's Note: Ordinance 4424, establishing this section, was suspended from enforcement by City Council on June 15, 1999.**

(a) Pursuant to Government Code Section 85400(c), a voluntary expenditure ceiling is established for each candidate for each election to city elective office in the amount of \$14,000.00.

(b) Before accepting any contributions, each candidate for city elective office shall file with the city clerk a statement of acceptance or rejection of the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein.

(c) No candidate for city elective office who accepts the voluntary expenditure ceiling and no controlled campaign committee of such a candidate shall make campaign expenditures in excess of the voluntary expenditure ceiling established in this section.

(d) Each candidate who rejects the voluntary expenditure ceiling shall be subject to the contribution limit set forth in Government Code Section 85301, as the same may be amended from time to time.

(e) Each candidate who accepts the voluntary expenditure ceiling shall be subject to the contribution limit set forth in Government

Code Section 85402, and not the contribution limit set forth in Government Code Section 85301, as either section may be amended from time to time. In addition, as to each such candidate, the city clerk shall provide notification to voters that the candidate has accepted the voluntary expenditure ceiling established herein, as required by Government Code Section 85602 and applicable regulations.

(f) Except as provided herein, the provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Sections 81000, *et seq.*, and the California Political Reform Act of 1996, Government Code Sections 85100, *et seq.*, and applicable regulations adopted pursuant to such acts, as the same may be amended from time to time, shall govern the interpretation and application of this section.

(g) The penalties and remedies for violations of this section shall be those set forth in the Political Reform Act of 1974, the California Political Reform Act of 1974, the California Political Reform Act of 1996, and applicable regulations adopted pursuant to such acts.

(Ord. 4424 § 1, 1997)