

ORDINANCE NO. 670-U**URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS,
CALIFORNIA, SETTING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
LIMITATIONS AND A VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURES CEILING**

NOW THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Bell Gardens does hereby ordain:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.70, of Article II of the Municipal Code of the City of Bell Gardens shall hereby be added and read as follows:

"CHAPTER 2.70 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

2.70.010 Limitation on campaign contributions. The text of Chapter 5 of Title 9 of the Government Code known as the California Political Reform Act of 1996 as it pertains to limitations on contributions for municipal elections is hereby adopted by reference and shall take effect on January 1, 1997.

2.70.020 Definitions. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the words and phrases used in this chapter shall be interpreted as defined in Title 9, Chapters 2 and 5, of the California Government Code.

2.70.030 Voluntary expenditure limits. Consistent with §§ 85400 and 85401 of the Government Code, a voluntary expenditure ceiling for candidates and controlled committees of such candidates for elective office is established not to exceed one dollar (\$1) per resident for each election in the jurisdiction in which the candidate is seeking elective office.

If a candidate voluntarily accepts the expenditure ceiling established by this ordinance, then such candidate or candidate's controlled committee may accept contributions in excess of the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) limitation and may accept contributions of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) consistent with § 85402.

2.70.040 Procedures. Any procedures, rules, or regulations not set forth at Chapter 5 of Title 9 of the Government Code for the implementation of this chapter may be adopted by resolution of the City Council by a majority vote. Any procedure, rules or regulations adopted to implement this chapter shall not be in conflict with any provision of the California Political Reform Act of 1996.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is an Urgency Ordinance enacted pursuant to California Government Code Sections 36934 and 36937. As such, this Ordinance will become effective immediately upon adoption. The City Council of the City of Bell Gardens hereby finds that there is a current and immediate threat to the public peace, health, and safety in that the California Political Reform Act of 1996 will not become effective as state law until January 1, 1997. Because of this delay, individuals and interests groups may accelerate campaign fundraising and expenditures in order to gain an advantage prior to the law going into effect. Such an acceleration of fundraising is not consistent with the goals of the California Political Reform Act of 1996 which sought to reduce the influence of large contributor with a specific financial stake in matters before the City government. As such, there is a current and immediate threat to the public peace, health, and safety in that the goals and objective of the Political Reform Act of 1996 will be defeated without the immediate imposition of campaign limitations and a voluntary spending ceiling.

SECTION 3. The City Council declares that it would have passed this Ordinance sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph, and section by section, and does hereby declare that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if, for any reason, any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall require a 4/5th vote of the City Council for adoption. If adopted, it shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 1996.

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Rodolfo "Rudy" Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

(b)(1)

Ronald L. Hart, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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J. Arnoldo Beltrán, City Attorney

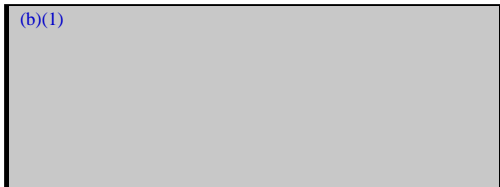
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS.
)
 CITY OF BELL GARDENS)

I, RONALD L. HART, City Clerk of the City of Bell Gardens, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing attached Urgency Ordinance No. 670 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Bell Gardens, California, at its Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council held on the 16th day of December, 1996 and that the same was adopted by the following vote, to Wit:

- AYES: Mayor García, Mayor Pro Tem Chacón, Councilmembers Deitch, Durán, and Morales.
- NOES: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: None.

I hereby affix my hand and Official Seal of the City of Bell Gardens, California.



RONALD L. HART
 City Clerk