

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN THE MATTER OF  
ADOPTION OF COUNTY  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-079

WHEREAS, the County of Kings (“County”) currently does not have campaign contribution limits or regulations;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 571 (“AB 571”) imposes a default campaign contribution limit upon cities and counties without campaign contribution limits beginning January 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the default contribution limit amount is set at the same amount as for State elected officials as that amount is adjusted by the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) pursuant to Government Code Sections 85301(a) and 83124, which is currently \$4,900 per election;

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10202 (automatically repealed on January 1, 2021) and Government Code Section 85702. 5 (effective on January 1, 2021) further permit the County to establish its own campaign contribution limits that are different from what is established by Government Code Sections 85301 (a) and 83124;

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of the County in enacting this Resolution to preserve an orderly political forum in which individuals and groups may express themselves effectively; and

WHEREAS, based upon the forgoing, and pursuant to Government Code Section 85702.S(a), the County desires to establish a campaign contribution limit that is different from what is established by Government Code Sections 85301(a) and 83124.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. For countywide elected offices in the County of Kings, the County hereby limits the source and amount of campaign contributions that may be made to candidates and committees controlled by candidates for each election cycle.

2. For purposes of this resolution, the following definitions shall apply. Except for these specific definitions, the definitions set forth in the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code sections 81000, *et seq.*) shall govern the interpretation.


- A. "County Election" shall mean any primary election, general (runoff) election, special election, special runoff election, recall election, or a recall replacement election.
- B. "County Elected Office" shall mean seats on the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff/Coroner, District Attorney, and Tax Assessor.
- C. "Person" shall have the same meaning as that set out at Government Code Section 82047, as it may be amended from time to time, and which currently provides as follows: "an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert."

3. No Person shall make to a candidate for Elective Office, or a committee controlled by that candidate, nor shall a candidate for Elected Office, or a committee controlled by that candidate, accept from a Person, a contribution totaling more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). The County may adjust this contribution limit in January of every odd-numbered year beginning in January of 2023.

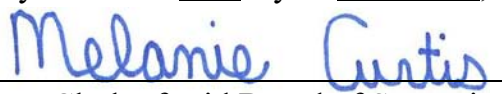
4. The Board will consider at a future meeting whether to memorialize this resolution by ordinance and what enforcement measures should be taken, if any, to ensure compliance with these limitations.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion by Supervisor Neves, seconded by Supervisor Pedersen at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of December, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Neves, Pedersen, Verboon  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Supervisor Fagundes  
 ABSTAIN: Supervisor Valle

  
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 Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors  
 County of Kings, State of California

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

  
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 Deputy Clerk of said Board of Supervisors