RESOLUTION NO. 20-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA,
ESTABLISHING "NO LIMIT" AS THE LIMIT APPLICABLE TO CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO CITY OFFICES

WHEREAS, the City of Carson ("City") currently does not have established local limits for
campaign contributions to candidates for elective City offices; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 571 ("AB 571") imposes a default campaign contribution limit
applicable to cities and counties which have no established local campaign contribution limits, beginning
January 1, 2021. The default contribution limit is set at the same amount applicable to certain elected
Stated officials, as that amount is adjusted by the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") pursuant
to Government Code Sections 85301 and 83124. The limit, which represents the maximum amount that
any one person can contribute to a single candidate in a single election, is $4,700; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10202 (which will be automatically repealed on January 1,
2021 pursuant to AB 571) and Government Code Section 85702.5 (which will be effective on January 1,
2021 pursuant to AB 571) permit the City to establish its own campaign contribution limits that are
different from what is established by Government Code Sections 85301 and 83124, whether higher or
lower, by resolution or ordinance, and the FPPC has opined that a city can establish "no limit" as its
limit, and that the same would be recognized by the FPPC as a local limit distinct from and not subject to
the state default limits; and

WHEREAS, inherent to the cost of election campaigning is the problem of improper
influence, real or potential, exercised by campaign contributors over elected officials; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of the City Council in enacting this Resolution to
preserve an orderly political forum in which individuals and groups may express themselves effectively;
to minimize the improper influence, real or potential, of campaign contributors over the City’s elected
officials; to place realistic enforceable limits on the amounts of money that may be contributed to
political campaigns in municipal elections for City offices; and to provide full and fair enforcement of all
the provisions of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the limits imposed by the State do not adequately consider local factors and
unique circumstances found within the City, and could have the potential to unnecessarily limit healthy
political discourse and discussion within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires and intends to establish "no limit" as the local limit
on campaign contributions to elections for City office.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES
HEREBY DETERMINE, ORDER AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein by
reference.
SECTION 2. The City Council hereby establishes "no limit" as the local limit on the campaign contributions a person may make to a candidate for elective city office, and on the amount of campaign contributions a candidate for elective City office may accept from a person.

SECTION 3. The campaign contribution limits established in Section 2 are intended to constitute the City's campaign contribution limits for the purposes of Government Code § 85702.5(a), such that the limits set in Government Code § 85301(d) do not apply to the City.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

CITY OF CARSON:

Albert Robles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donesia Gause-Aldana, MMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA } ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } ss.
CITY OF CARSON } ss.

I, Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 20-175, adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on November 17, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Dear, Davis-Holmes, Hilton, Hicks

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Robles

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana, MMC, City Clerk

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