RESOLUTION NO. 2020-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE SETTING OF A ZERO-
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT IN THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA FOR LOCAL
ELECTIONS AND DEEMING THE ZERO-LIMIT AS AN IMPOSED LIMIT PURSUANT
TO ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 571.

WHEREAS, the California legislature enacted AB 571, which will take effect on
January 1, 2021, and will impose campaign contribution limits on local elections in those
cities that do not currently have established limitations; and

WHEREAS, the City had not previously established limits on campaign
contributions in its local elections; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that the City of Santa Maria had not experienced
large campaign contributions by single contributors to individual candidates that would
provide undue influence in its local elections; and

WHEREAS, by setting a zero-campaign contribution limit by the operative date of
January 1, 2021, the City would not be bound by the State’s default limits, nor its
enforcement administration, and ensures the City’s ability to maintain the status quo of
not having campaign contribution limits in the City of Santa Maria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa
Maria that:

1. Zero-campaign contribution limits are hereby established in the City
of Santa Maria for local elections, and thereby setting a limit pursuant to AB
571 before the operative date of January 1, 2021.

2. The Chief Deputy City Clerk is hereby authorized to make minor
changes herein to address clerical errors, so long as substantial conformance
of the intent of this document is maintained. In doing so, the Chief Deputy City
Clerk shall consult with the City Manager and City Attorney concerning any
changes deemed necessary.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Santa Maria, California, held this 1st day of December 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ ALICE M. PATINO
Mayor

/s/ RHONDA M. WHITE
Chief Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

[Signature]
Department Director

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City Manager
I, M. Beth Cleary, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2020-120 which was duly and regularly introduced and adopted by said City Council at a regular meeting held December 1, 2020, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero and Moats, and Mayor Patino

NOES: Councilmember Soto

ABSENT: Councilmember Waterfield

ABSTAIN: None.

[Signature]
Deputy City Clerk
City of Santa Maria