ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04

AMENDING THE COUNTY’S ELECTION CAMPAIGN ORDINANCE

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows (omitting the parenthetical footnotes from the official text of the enacted or amended provisions of the County Ordinance Code):

SECTION I. SUMMARY. This ordinance amends Division 530 of the County Ordinance Code, the County’s Election Campaign Ordinance, to increase the limit on individual campaign contributions made during a single county election cycle to or for a candidate for county supervisor or other county office.

SECTION II. Section 530-2.402 of the County Ordinance Code is amended to read:

530-2.402 Individual campaign contributions. For a single county election cycle, no person or political committee (other than the candidate or a broad based political committee) shall make, and no candidate or campaign treasurer shall accept, any monetary or nonmonetary contribution to or for a single candidate for county office or to or for a committee authorized in writing by the candidate to accept contributions for him or her that will cause the total amount contributed by that person or political committee in support of that candidate for that election cycle to exceed $2,500. (Ords. 2022-04 § 2, 04-22 § 2, 89-11, 84-9.)

SECTION III. Section 530-2.703 of the County Ordinance Code is amended to read:

530-2.703 Individual campaign contributions. For a single county election cycle, no person or political committee (other than the candidate or a broad based political committee) shall make, and no candidate or campaign treasurer shall accept, any contribution to or for a single candidate for county supervisor or to or for a committee authorized in writing by the candidate to accept contributions to him or her that will cause the total amount contributed by that person or political committee in support of that candidate for that election cycle to exceed $2,500, except as provided in Section 530-2.705(a) and Section 530-2.708(c) of this article. (Ords. 2022-04 § 3, 2005-22 § 3, 99-40 § 3, 98-6, 96-48, 95-8.)

SECTION IV. NEW CONTRIBUTION LIMITS APPLY TO CURRENT ELECTION CYCLES. The individual campaign contribution limits established by this ordinance go into effect on the effective date of this ordinance. If an election cycle began before the effective date, the new campaign contribution limits established by this ordinance apply during the remainder of the election cycle to all non-supervisorial candidates and to all supervisorial candidates, except as otherwise provided in Ordinance Code sections 530-2.705(a) and 530-2.708(c).
SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective 30 days after passage, and within 15 days after passage shall be published once with the names of supervisors voting for or against it in the East Bay Times, a newspaper published in this County.

PASSED on February 1, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: John Gioia, Candace Andersen, Diane Burgis, Karen Mitchoff, Federal Glover
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

/s/ Karen Mitchoff Board Chair

ATTEST: MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By: /s/ Deputy Clerk June McHuen