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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO AMEND LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS ORDINANCE (PROPOSITION B) (ALL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) seeks Board adoption of an ordinance to amend Los Angeles County (County) Political Campaigns Ordinance (also known as Proposition B) to conform with Charter amendments adopted by voters through the passage of the November 2024 Measure G County Charter amendment; increase various contribution and expenditure limits to reflect cost of living increases; conform with judicial decisions regarding campaign finance laws; and make routine, technical, and conforming changes and corrections.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt this ordinance to amend Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code (LACC or Code), Chapter 2.190, Political Campaigns for County Offices, to:

1. Conform with changes to the County Charter by adding the office of the County Executive to the definition of "Countywide office".

2. Adjust contribution and voluntary expenditure limits to reflect increases in the cost of living as authorized in Proposition B (LACC section 2.190.150) and make further adjustments every two years to reflect any increase in the cost of living.

3. Conform with judicial decisions by removing the aggregate contribution limits on political action committees in LACC section 2.190.040(C); removing the candidate loan restriction in LACC section 2.190.060(B); removing contribution limit escalators tied to the

contribution of personal funds towards a candidate's own campaign in LACC sections 2.190.070(A) through (E); and removing the tiered framework for when a candidate exceeds their declared expenditure limit or personal funds limit in LACC sections 2.190.070(I) and (J).

4. Make routine, technical, and conforming changes and corrections.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Proposition B was passed by voters in 1996. Proposition B places certain limitations on campaign contributions to candidates for elective County offices and applies to candidates running for the offices of Assessor, District Attorney, Sheriff, and the members of the Board of Supervisors. The stated purpose of Proposition B is to "reduce the opportunity for corruption of the political process." Key characteristics of Proposition B include establishment of mandatory contribution limits, voluntary expenditure limits, voluntary personal funds limit options, and fundraising time limits.

The RR/CC serves as the filing office for County candidate campaign finance reporting. Additionally, Los Angeles County Code of Ordinances Chapter 2.190 specifies that the RR/CC administers contribution and expenditure limits, prohibitions on bundling of contributions, fundraising time frames, and limits on contributions from certain sources. The RR/CC is the enforcement officer responsible for investigation, final determination and imposition of administrative fines. (LACC § 2.190.140(D).) The Code also states that the RR/CC shall recommend rules governing Chapter 2.190. (LACC § 2.190.40(D).)

a. Apply County campaign finance laws to the County Executive

Measure G, a County Charter amendment passed by Los Angeles County voters in November 2024, creates a new County elected office, the County Executive. While all other County elected offices are subject to "Proposition B" campaign finance rules (*see* LACC § 2.190), the Code has not been amended to include the office of the County Executive. Chapter 2.190.030 defines two categories of candidates subject to this chapter - candidates for Supervisor and candidates for Countywide office. It further states that "Countywide office" means the Sheriff, the District Attorney and the Assessor of the County of Los Angeles. (LACC § 2.190.030(G).)

The proposed amendment to the ordinance would further the purpose of Proposition B by adding the office of the County Executive to the list of Countywide offices, which would subject such candidates to the same candidate fundraising periods and campaign finance rules under Proposition B. Candidates for Countywide offices may begin fundraising eighteen months before the primary date (March 7, 2028), which would be September 7, 2026. LACC § 2.190.090). Associated disclosure, fundraising and expenditure rules would also apply.

b. Adjust contribution and expenditure limits to reflect cost of living increases

County Code Section 2.190.150, Subsection A, authorizes the adjustment of contribution and expenditure limits to reflect cost of living. These limits were last adjusted 15 years ago in 2011.

Applying the same methodology used to increase the limits in 2011, and the same formula the Fair Political Practices Commission uses to determine individual contribution limits and voluntary expenditure limits for State elections, the proposed adjustments are calculated by multiplying the existing limit by the annual Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for the Los Angeles area. For contribution limits, the figure is divided by the base CPI from 1996 or 2011 (the years in which the existing contribution limits were established or last changed), as applicable, and rounded to the nearest $100. For voluntary expenditure limits and office holder expenditure limits, that figure is divided by the CPI from 1996 (the year these limits were established) and rounded to the nearest cent, or hundred dollars, as applicable.

In addition to the foregoing, the proposed amendments to the County's Political Campaigns Ordinance (Proposition B or Ordinance) provide for the biennial adjustment of the same contribution and expenditure limits beginning in 2028 and in every even-numbered year thereafter. (Proposed LACC section 2.190.155.) The RR/CC will be responsible for adjusting the contribution and adjustment limits biennially to reflect changes in the CPI and publishing those changes.

	Current law	**Proposed law**
Contribution limit LACC section 2.190.040(A)	$300	$400
Contribution limit that applies to candidates committing to voluntary expenditure limits LACC section 2.190.040(B)	$1,500	$2,200
PAC solicitation limit LACC section 2.190.040(C)	$150,000	Deleted
Political Party solicitation limit LACC section 2.190.040(D)	$6,500	$9,600
Countywide office voluntary expenditure limit LACC section 2.190.050(A)(1)	$0.25 per resident of the county	$0.54 per resident of the county
Supervisor office voluntary expenditure limit LACC section 2.190.050(A)(2)	$0.75 per resident of the supervisorial district	$1.63 per resident of the supervisorial district
Officeholder account limits LACC section 2.190.100(A), (B), (D), (E)	$75,000 Total Contribution $75,000 Total Expenditure $1,500 Single Contribution $10,000 Transferable to OA	$163,200 Total Contribution $163,200 Total Expenditure $2,200 Single Contribution $21,800 Transferable to OA
Attorneys' fee fund limit LACC section 2.190.110.A	$1,500	$2,200

c. Conform Los Angeles County Code to judicial decisions

The amendments are proposed based on a review of relevant case law, in consultation with County Counsel, and are focused on balancing the First Amendment rights afforded to political speech while continuing to promote the ordinance's purpose.

First, the proposed ordinance would eliminate the aggregate contribution limit on the total amount a candidate can receive from political action committees. This amendment is proposed to better conform with the Supreme Court's decision in *McCutcheon v. Federal Elections,* 134 S. Ct. 1334, 1450 (2014), in which the Court held that the government cannot cap the aggregate contribution amount that a donor may give to multiple candidates, parties or political action committees because doing so would infringe upon the donor's First Amendment rights.

Second, the proposed amendments to the ordinance would eliminate fundraising escalation rules based on a self-funded candidate's self-contributions. This amendment is proposed to better conform with the Supreme Court's decision in *Davis v. Federal Election Commission,* 554 U.S. 724 (2008), in which the Court struck Section 319 of the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act (BiCRA) which had the "Millionaire's Amendment" that raised the contribution limits for non-self-funded candidates when a candidate contributed over $350,000 to themselves. The Court held that because the contribution limit escalation asymmetrically benefited non-self-funded candidates, it impermissibly burdened the First Amendment rights of the self-funded candidate.

Lastly, the proposed amendments to the ordinance would remove the cap on candidate loans to their own campaign to better align with the U.S. Supreme Court's holding in *FEC v. Ted Cruz for Senate* (2021) 596 U.S. 289. At issue in *Cruz* was Section 304 of BiCRA that capped repayments of candidate loans which the Court held imposed impermissible burdens on a candidate's First Amendment speech rights through the use their own funds.

These changes align to existing enforcement practices based on legal analysis and application of the referenced court decisions. Updating the ordinance language consistent with enforcement adds clarity and reduces confusion for candidates, committees, and the public in the application of Proposition B.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The RR/CC will add administration of campaign finance laws as applied to County Executive candidates to existing responsibilities to create an accessible and searchable electronic filing system, receive filings, investigate and notify of violations. The Net County Cost impact is currently being assessed, as programmatic costs associated with processing an increased number of candidates and related labor costs are still being determined. Once funding needs have been identified, a request will be included in the FY 2026-27 Supplemental Budget Request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed amendments would:

- Align the County Code to reflect voter intent, cost of living increases and jurisprudential changes.

- Ensure candidates for County Executive office are subject to the same contribution, fundraising and expenditure rules that apply to other candidates for Countywide elected office.

Chapter 2.190 may be amended by your Board through a four-fifths vote, because each recommended change meets at least one of the following three criteria stated in Code § 2.190.150:

A. To increase the various contribution and expenditure limits to reflect equivalent increases in the cost of living;

B. The amendment is necessary to make this chapter consistent with state law or judicial actions interpreting this or similar laws; or

C. If the board of supervisors finds that the amendment otherwise furthers the purposes of this chapter.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

The RR/CC recommends this amendment be adopted before the fundraising period opens for Countywide offices, which commences on September 7, 2026, to provide clarity and consistency to all candidate campaigns, interested voters, and County departments tasked with administration of the Ordinance. To avoid affecting any election campaigns that are in progress from the 2026 election cycle, the proposed amendments to the Ordinance will operate prospectively and apply only to future elections.

CONCLUSION

Your adoption of this ordinance to amend Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.190, Political Campaigns for County Offices will ensure that the County Code conforms with Charter amendments adopted by voters through the passage of Measure G and applicable court decisions; and adjust contribution and expenditure limits to reflect cost of living increases.

Respectfully submitted,

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.190, Political Campaigns for County Offices, to:

- Conform with changes to the Los Angeles County Charter by adding the office of the County Executive to the definition of "Countywide office";
- Increase contribution and expenditure limits to reflect increases in the cost of living and to make further adjustments every two years to reflect any increase in the cost of living;
- Conform with judicial decisions by removing the aggregate contribution limits on political action committees; removing the candidate loan restriction; removing the interrelationship between contribution limits and the amount a candidate has committed to contribute in personal funds towards their campaign; removing the tiered framework for when a candidate exceeds their declared expenditure limit or personal funds limit; and
- Make routine, technical, and conforming changes and corrections.

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ORDINANCE NO._____

An ordinance amending Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.190, Political Campaigns for County Offices, to increase various contribution and expenditure limits to reflect equivalent increases in the cost of living, to align with case law and the Los Angeles County Charter, and to otherwise further the purposes of this Chapter. The ordinance also amends Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.190, Political Campaigns for County Offices, by making routine, technical, and conforming changes and corrections.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.190.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.190.030 Definitions.

The following phrases, whenever used in this ~~c~~Chapter, shall be construed as defined in this ~~s~~Section:

A. "Bundling of contributions" means the making of contributions to a candidate through another person or entity who acts as an intermediary or conduit.

B. "Campaign expenditure" means any "expenditure" as that term is defined in Government Code ~~S~~section 82025 which is made by a candidate or ~~his or her~~their controlled committee in furtherance of that candidate's effort to be elected to a County office. Campaign expenditures occurring at any time up to and including the date of the primary election, even if prior to the filing for office, shall be considered campaign expenditures related to the primary election. If the candidate is a candidate in the general election, campaign expenditures occurring after the date of the primary election

shall be considered campaign expenditures related to the general election, except to the extent any expenditure is to repay a debt incurred for the primary election prior to the primary election, in which case the expenditure will be a campaign expenditure related to the primary election.

C. "Candidate" means an individual, with regard to any primary or general election for either a Countywide office or supervisor, who is listed on the ballot or who has qualified to have write-in votes on ~~his or her~~their behalf counted by election officials or who receives a contribution or makes any expenditure with a view to bringing about ~~his or her~~their nomination or election.

D. "Committee" shall have the meaning set forth in Government Code ~~S~~section 82013.

E. "Contribution" shall have the meaning set forth in Government Code ~~S~~section 82015, except that as used in this ~~c~~Chapter, "contribution" shall also include a loan or an extension of credit for a period of more than 30 days, other than loans or extensions of credit from financial institutions which are given in the regular course of business upon terms and conditions generally available to other customers of that financial institution.

F. "Controlled committee" shall have the meaning set forth in Government Code ~~S~~section 82016.

G. "Countywide office" means the ~~s~~Sheriff, the District Attorney, ~~and~~ the Assessor, and the County Executive of the County of Los Angeles.

H. "Registrar-Recorder" means the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the County of Los Angeles.

I. "Personal funds of the candidate" means both the community and separate property of the candidate. "Personal funds of the spouse of the candidate" means only the separate property of the spouse.

J. "Political action committee" means any "general purpose committee" or "County general purpose committee" as those terms are defined by Government Code ~~S~~section 82027.5.

K. "Political party" means any "qualified party" as described in Elections Code ~~S~~section 5100.

L. "Inter-Candidate Transfer" means the transfer of campaign funds from a candidate as defined by Government Code ~~S~~section 82007 or Section 2.190.030~~-~~.C to any other candidate.

M. "Intra-Candidate Transfer" means the transfer of campaign funds between controlled committees of a single candidate as defined by Government Code ~~S~~section 82007 or Section 2.190.030~~-~~.C.

N. "Primary election" shall also include a special election, and "general election" shall also include the runoff for a special election.

O. "Person" shall have the meaning set forth in Government Code ~~S~~section 82047.

P. "Supervisor" means a member of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

Q. "Tax agent" means any individual who is employed, is under contract, or otherwise receives compensation to communicate directly, or through agents, employees or subcontractors, with the Assessor, an Assessment Appeals Board member, an Assessment Hearing Officer, or any other County employee within the Office of the Assessor whose duties are not primarily clerical or manual, for the purpose of influencing by any means, including promoting, supporting, influencing, seeking modification of, opposing or seeking delay of any official action which shall include locating all taxable property in the County, identifying ownership, establishing a taxable value for all property subject to property taxation, including the initial value, declines in value, corrections to values and any other changes in the taxable value set, completing an assessment roll showing the assessed values of all property, applying all legal exemptions to assessments, and deciding all property assessment disputes between taxpayers and the Assessor, if a substantial or regular portion of the activities for which ~~he or she~~they receive~~s~~ such compensation is for the purpose of influencing official action. A tax agent shall not include:

1. An elected or appointed public official or public employee when acting in ~~his or her~~their official capacity;

2. An enrolled agent pursuant to Part 10 of Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations; or

3. A person representing any of the following:

a. ~~Himself or herself~~Themselves;

b. An immediate family member; or

c. An entity of which the person is a partner, officer, or owner of ten percent or more of the value of the entity.

SECTION 2. Section 2.190.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.190.040 Contribution ~~l~~Limits.

A. Except as otherwise provided in ~~s~~Subsection B of this ~~s~~Section or Section 2.190.070, other than a political party, no person or committee, including political action committees and controlled committees, shall make to any candidate or any candidate's controlled committee, and no candidate or ~~his or her~~their controlled committee shall solicit or accept, any contribution from any person or committee, including political action committees and controlled committees, which exceeds $~~3~~400.00 for each primary election campaign and $~~3~~400.00 for each general election campaign.

B. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.190.070, if either in a primary election campaign or in a general election campaign, a candidate commits to and does not exceed the voluntary expenditure limit set forth in Section 2.190.050, the contribution limits set forth in ~~s~~Subsection A of this ~~s~~Section shall be increased to $~~1~~2,~~5~~200.00 for that primary or that general election campaign.

~~C. No candidate or his or her controlled committee shall solicit or accept a total amount exceeding $150,000.00 for each primary election campaign and $150,000.00 for each general election campaign, from all political action committees, other than controlled committees or a political party, combined.~~

~~D~~C. No political party shall make to any candidate or any candidate's controlled committee, and no candidate or ~~his or her~~their controlled committee shall solicit or accept, any contribution from any political party which exceeds $~~6~~ 9,~~5~~600.00 for each primary election campaign and $~~6~~ 9,~~5~~600.00 for each general election campaign.

SECTION 3. Section 2.190.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.190.050 Voluntary e~~E~~xpenditure ~~l~~Limit.

A. For each primary and for each general election for each ~~c~~County office, there shall be a voluntary expenditure limit on total campaign expenditures by each candidate. At least 60 days prior to the close of candidate filing for each primary election, the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder shall calculate and make available to all interested persons the amount of the voluntary expenditure limit for each ~~c~~County office which will be on the primary election ballot. The amount so calculated shall be the amount of the voluntary expenditure limit for each candidate in the primary election. If there is a need for a general election, there shall be a separate voluntary expenditure limit for that election, but the dollar amount of the voluntary expenditure limit for the general election shall be the same as that applicable to the primary election. The amount of the voluntary expenditure limit which shall be applicable separately to each primary and each general election shall be calculated as follows:

1. For each ~~c~~County-wide office the voluntary expenditure limit shall be $0.~~25~~54 per resident of the ~~c~~County as shown in the most recent federal decennial census.

2. For supervisor the voluntary expenditure limit shall be $~~.75~~1.63 per resident of the applicable supervisorial district as shown in the most recent federal decennial census.

B. No later than the close of filing for a primary election, and no later than thirty days after the primary election for a general election, each candidate shall file with the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder a declaration signed under penalty of perjury stating whether the candidate agrees to be bound by the voluntary expenditure limit for the applicable primary or general election campaign of that candidate.

C. If a candidate agrees to be bound by the voluntary expenditure limit for a primary or for a general election campaign, the total expenditures by that candidate and ~~his or her~~their controlled committee for the applicable primary or general election campaign shall not exceed the voluntary expenditure limit.

SECTION 4. Section 2.190.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.190.060 Contribution of ~~c~~Candidate's ~~p~~Personal ~~f~~Funds.

A. The contribution limits set forth in Section 2.190.040 shall not apply to the personal funds of the candidate but shall apply to the personal funds of the spouse of the candidate. Any contribution made to a candidate or to ~~his or her~~their controlled committee from the community property of the candidate and ~~his or her~~their spouse shall be considered a contribution from the personal funds of the candidate.

~~B. No candidate shall personally make loans to his or her campaign for county office or to his or her controlled committee which have a total outstanding balance at any one point in time of more than $20,000.00.~~

~~C~~B. While there is no mandatory limit under this ~~c~~Chapter on the contribution of the personal funds of the candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for ~~c~~County office other than the loan limitation set forth in ~~s~~Subsection B of this ~~s~~Section, a candidate may voluntarily agree to limit ~~his or he~~their contribution of personal funds, as set forth in ~~s~~Subsection ~~D~~C of this ~~s~~Section.

~~D~~C. No later than the close of filing for a primary election, and no later than thirty days after the primary election for a general election, each candidate shall file with the ~~r~~Registrar ~~r~~ Recorder a declaration signed under penalty of perjury committing to one of the following options relating to the contribution of the personal funds of the candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for ~~c~~County office:

1. That during the primary or the general election, whichever is applicable, the candidate will not make a total contribution of the personal funds of the candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for ~~c~~County office exceeding $50,000.00. This option shall be known as the "$50,000.00 personal funds limit option;"

2. That during the primary or the general election, whichever is applicable, the candidate will not make a total contribution of the personal funds of the candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for ~~c~~County office exceeding $100,000.00. This option shall be known as the "$100,000.00 personal funds limit option;"

3. That during the primary or the general election, whichever is applicable, the candidate will not make a total contribution of the personal funds of the candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for ~~c~~County office exceeding $300,000.00. This option shall be known as the "$300,000.00 personal funds limit option;"

4. That during the primary or the general election, whichever is applicable, the candidate will not agree to any limitation on the total contribution of the personal funds of the candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for ~~c~~County office. This option shall be known as the "unlimited personal funds option."

~~E~~D. In each primary election and in each general election, each candidate for ~~c~~County office who has chosen the $100,000.00 personal funds limit option, within ~~10~~ten days after filing ~~his or he~~their declaration with the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder as set forth in ~~s~~Subsection ~~D~~C of this ~~s~~Section, shall contribute an amount which is in excess of $50,000.00 of the personal funds of that candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for ~~c~~County office by depositing such an amount in ~~his or her~~their campaign account. Within 24 hours after making such a deposit of the personal funds of the candidate in ~~his or her~~their campaign account, the candidate shall file with the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder, under penalty of perjury, a declaration stating that ~~he or she has~~they have made such a deposit of ~~his or her~~their personal funds.

~~F~~E. In each primary election and in each general election, each candidate for ~~c~~County office who has chosen the $300,000.00 personal funds limit option, within ~~10~~ten days after filing ~~his or her~~their declaration with the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder as set forth in ~~s~~Subsection ~~D~~C of this ~~s~~Section, shall contribute an amount which is in excess of $100,000.00 of the personal funds of that candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for ~~c~~County office by depositing such an amount in ~~his or her~~their campaign account. Within 24 hours after making such a deposit of the personal funds of the candidate in ~~his or her~~their campaign account, the candidate shall file with the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder,

under penalty of perjury, a declaration stating that ~~he or she has~~they have made such a deposit of ~~his or her~~their personal funds.

~~G~~F. In each primary election and in each general election, each candidate for ~~c~~County office who has chosen the unlimited personal funds option, within ~~10~~ten days after filing ~~his or her~~their declaration with the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder as set forth in ~~s~~Subsection ~~D~~C of this ~~s~~Section, shall contribute an amount which is in excess of $300,000.00 of the personal funds of that candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for ~~c~~County office by depositing such an amount in ~~his or her~~their campaign account. Within 24 hours after making such a deposit of the personal funds of the candidate in ~~his or her~~their campaign account, the candidate shall file with the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder, under penalty of perjury, a declaration stating that ~~he or she has~~they have made such a deposit of ~~his or her~~their personal funds.

~~H~~G. If a candidate agrees to a personal funds limit pursuant to ~~s~~Subsection ~~D~~C.1., ~~D~~C.2., or ~~D~~C.3. of this ~~s~~Section for a primary or for a general election campaign, the total of personal funds contributed by the candidate to ~~his~~their campaign for the applicable primary or general election campaign, including the outstanding balance of unpaid loans, shall not exceed that personal funds limit.

~~I. Any candidate who, prior to the effective date of the amendment to this section enacting the $50,000.00 personal funds limit option set forth in subsection D.1., had filed the declaration required by subsection D, shall have the opportunity to submit a revised declaration committing to one of the options set forth in subsection D. Upon the effective date of that amendment, the registrar-recorder shall provide written~~

~~notification by certified mail to each such candidate of the opportunity to file a revised declaration. Such revised declaration shall be signed under the penalty of perjury and shall be filed no later than the close of filing for the primary election in 2002.~~

SECTION 5. Section 2.190.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.190.070 Interrelationship of ~~contribution~~Personal Funds and ~~e~~Expenditure ~~l~~Limits.

~~A. If either in a primary or in a general election any candidate for a particular county office commits to the $100,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 D.2. for that primary or that general election, for each other candidate for that office who has committed to the voluntary expenditure limit set forth in Section 2.190.050 and who has chosen the $50,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 D.1., the contribution limit shall be increased to five times the amount in Section 2.190.040 B.~~

~~B. If either in a primary or in a general election any candidate for a particular county office commits to the $300,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 D.3. for that primary or that general election, for each other candidate for that office who has committed to the voluntary expenditure limit set forth in Section 2.190.050 and who has chosen the $50,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 D.1., the contribution limit shall be increased to ten times the amount in Section 2.190.040 B.~~

~~C. If either in a primary or in a general election any candidate for a particular county office commits to the $300,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to~~

~~Section 2.190.060 D.3., for that primary or that general election, for each other candidate for that office who has committed to the voluntary expenditure limit set forth in Section 2.190.050 and who has chosen the $100,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 D.2., the contribution limit shall be increased to five times the amount in Section 2.190.040 B.~~

~~D. Notwithstanding subsections A or B of this section, if either in a primary or in a general election any candidate for a particular county office commits to the unlimited personal funds option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 D.4. for that primary or that general election, for each other candidate for that office who has both committed to the voluntary expenditure limit set forth in Section 2.190.050 and chosen the $50,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 D.1., the otherwise applicable contribution limit as set forth in Section 2.190.040 B shall be removed.~~

~~E. Notwithstanding subsections A or C of this section, if either in a primary or in a general election any candidate for a particular county office commits to the unlimited personal funds option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 D.4. for that primary or that general election, for each other candidate for that office who has both committed to the voluntary expenditure limit set forth in Section 2.190.050 and chosen the $100,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 D.2., the contribution limit shall be increased to ten times the amount in Section 2.190.040 B.~~

~~F~~A. If either in a primary or in a general election any candidate for a particular ~~c~~County office has chosen either the $50,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 ~~D~~.C.1. or the $100,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to

Section 2.190.060 ~~D~~.C.2. but has declined to be bound by the voluntary expenditure limit set forth in Section 2.190.050, at such point in time when the total expenditures of that candidate and ~~his or her~~their controlled committee exceed an amount equal to 75 percent of the voluntary expenditure limit set forth in Section 2.190.050 applicable to that office for that election, the voluntary expenditure limit for each other candidate running for that same office in that same election who has agreed to be bound by the voluntary expenditure limit shall be double the amount set forth in Section 2.190.050.

~~G~~B. If either in a primary or in a general election any candidate for a particular ~~c~~County office has chosen either the $300,000.00 personal funds limit option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 ~~D~~.C.3. or the unlimited personal funds option pursuant to Section 2.190.060 ~~D~~.C.4., and that candidate has also declined to commit to the voluntary expenditure limit set forth in Section 2.190.050, no other candidate for that office in that same primary or general election shall be bound by any voluntary expenditure limit to which ~~he or she has~~they have otherwise committed. When voluntary expenditure limits are removed under this subsection, any candidate who had agreed to a voluntary expenditure limit under Section 2.190.050 shall continue to be bound by the contribution limit set forth in Section 2.190.040 ~~-~~.B, unless that limit is removed by some other provision of this ~~c~~Chapter.

~~H~~C. Within ~~5~~five business days of receiving the declarations required by Sections 2.190.050 ~~-~~.B and 2.190.060 ~~D~~.C for all candidates, the ~~r~~Registrar ~~r~~Recorder shall provide written notification by certified mail to each candidate of the contribution limit applicable to that candidate as determined pursuant to this ~~s~~Section.

~~I~~D. If the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder determines that there exists sufficient evidence that a candidate who filed a declaration pursuant to Section 2.190.050-.B agreeing to be bound by the voluntary expenditure limit has made expenditures which exceed that limit, ~~for each other~~no candidate for that office~~, the~~ in that same primary or general election shall be bound by any voluntary expenditure limit ~~shall be adjusted in accordance with subsections D or E of this section, whichever is applicable~~to which they have otherwise committed. Within ~~2~~two business days of making this determination, the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder shall provide written notification by certified mail to each such affected candidate of the adjusted expenditure limit.

~~J~~E. If the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder determines that there exists sufficient evidence that a candidate who filed a declaration pursuant to Sections 2.190.060-~~D~~.C.1., ~~D~~C.2., or ~~D~~C.3., agreeing to be bound by a personal funds limit has contributed personal funds exceeding that limit, ~~for each other~~no candidate for that office in that same primary or general election shall be bound by any voluntary~~, the contribution~~ limit ~~shall be adjusted in accordance with subsections A, B, or C of this section, whichever is applicable~~to which they have committed. Within ~~2~~two business days of making this determination, the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder shall provide written notification by certified mail to each such affected candidate of the adjusted contribution limit.

SECTION 6. Section 2.190.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.190.080 Bundling of ~~c~~Contributions and ~~c~~Contributions from ~~c~~Committees.

A. The bundling of contributions to a candidate or to his or her controlled committee is prohibited.

B. Notwithstanding ~~subdivision~~Subsection A of this ~~s~~Section, a candidate as defined by Section 2.190.030~~-~~.C or Government Code ~~S~~section 82007, may make, and a candidate or ~~his or her~~their controlled committee may solicit or accept, inter-candidate transfers subject to the limits established by Section 2.190.040~~-~~.A and B.

C. Notwithstanding ~~subdivision~~Subsection A of this ~~s~~Section, or the limits established by Section 2.190.040~~-~~.A and B, a candidate as defined by Section 2.190.030~~-~~.C or Government Code section 82007, may make, and a candidate or ~~his or her~~their controlled committee may accept, intra-candidate transfers. Contributions transferred shall be attributed to specific contributors using a "last in, first out" accounting method, and these attributed contributions when aggregated with all other contributions from the same contributor shall not exceed the limits set forth in Section 2.190.040~~-~~.A and B.

D. Notwithstanding ~~subdivision~~Subsection A of this ~~s~~Section, a political action committee may contribute to any candidate or a candidate's controlled committee, and a candidate or ~~his or her~~their controlled committee may solicit or accept any contribution from any political action committee, subject to the limits set forth in Section 2.190.040 .A~~,~~ and B~~and C~~.

E. Notwithstanding ~~subdivision~~Subsection A of this ~~s~~Section, a political party may contribute to any candidate or a candidate's controlled committee, and a candidate or ~~his or her~~their controlled committee may solicit or accept any contribution from any political party, subject to the limits set forth in Section 2.190.040 ~~D~~.C.

SECTION 7. Section 2.190.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.190.100 Officeholder a~~A~~ccounts.

Each person holding a ~~c~~County office is allowed one segregated officeholder account which shall be subject to the following restrictions:

A. No ~~c~~County officeholder shall accept contributions to ~~his or her~~their officeholder account which total more than $~~75,000~~163,200.00 in any calendar year, after deducting therefrom the amount of any expenditures made from this account in connection with the receipt of such contributions.

B. No ~~c~~County officeholder shall make expenditures from ~~his or her~~their officeholder account which total more than $~~75,000~~163,200.00 in any calendar year. This $~~75,000~~163,200.00 limit shall not include any expenditures made from this account in connection with the receipt of contributions to this account.

C. No ~~c~~County officeholder who is a candidate for ~~c~~County office in a primary election shall make any expenditures whatsoever from ~~his or her~~their officeholder account during the period beginning six months prior to that primary election and ending on the day after that primary election if the officeholder is not a candidate in the general election, or ending on the day after the general election if the officeholder is a candidate in the general election.

D. No person shall contribute to the officeholder account of any ~~c~~County officer in excess of $~~1~~2,~~5~~200.00 in any calendar year. Said amount shall be in addition to any applicable limits on campaign contributions set forth in this ~~c~~Chapter.

E. Unspent campaign funds related to an election to ~~c~~County office which were accumulated prior to November 5, 1996, may be transferred by the candidate to ~~his or her~~their officeholder account. After November 5, 1996, a maximum of $~~10,000~~21,800.00 of unspent campaign funds from each primary and each general election campaign may be transferred by the candidate to ~~his or her~~their officeholder account. Unspent campaign funds transferred to an officeholder account as allowed by this ~~s~~Section shall not count toward the contribution limits in this ~~s~~Section.

F. Officeholder account funds may be expended or disbursed for the purposes for which campaign funds may be expended or disbursed as set forth in Article 4 (beginning with ~~S~~section 89510) of Chapter 9.5 of Title 9 of the Government Code, except that officeholder account funds shall only be used for expenses related to assisting, serving or communicating with constituents, or with carrying out the official duties of the elected ~~c~~County officer and may not be used to pay expenses related to a campaign for ~~c~~County office of an officeholder who is a candidate for ~~c~~County office.

G. Any ~~c~~County officeholder who maintains an officeholder account shall report contributions to, expenditures from, and all other activities of that account in accordance with the requirements for the filing of campaign statements as set forth in Government Code ~~S~~section 84200 et seq., as it is currently written or as it may be amended.

SECTION 8. Section 2.190.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.190.110 Attorney's ~~f~~Fees ~~f~~Fund.

A. Any person who holds ~~c~~County office or who is or was a candidate for ~~c~~County office may maintain a fund, separate from campaign funds and any officeholder account, to pay attorney's fees to defend actions related to holding ~~c~~County office or running for ~~c~~County office, or for the purpose of obtaining advice regarding the administration of this or other campaign laws. There shall be no expenditure limit on any such fund, but no person maintaining such a fund may accept as a contribution to such fund more than $~~1~~2,~~5~~200.00 per calendar year from any person. Unspent campaign funds related to an election to ~~c~~County office which were accumulated prior to November 5, 1996, may be transferred by the candidate to ~~his or her~~their attorney's fees fund, and any such transfer will not count toward the contribution limits in this section.

B. Any person who holds ~~c~~County office or who is or was a candidate for ~~c~~County office who chooses to maintain an attorney' s fees fund shall report contributions to, expenditures from, and other activities of that fund in accordance with the requirements for the filing of campaign statements as set forth in Government Code ~~S~~section 84200 et seq., as it is currently written or as it may be amended.

SECTION 9. Section 2.190.155 is hereby added to read as follows:

2.190.155 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Contribution and Expenditure Limits.

A. Pursuant to Section 2.190.150, the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve by at least four-fifths vote the biennial adjustment of various contribution limits and expenditure limits set forth in Sections 2.190.040.A, B, and C, Section 2.190.050.A, Section 2.190.100.A, B, D, and E and Section 2.190.110.A.

B. Beginning in 2028 and in every even-numbered year thereafter, the contribution limits in Section 2.190.040.A, B, and C, the voluntary expenditure limits in Section 2.190.050.A, the officeholder account limits in Section 2.190.100.A, B, D and E, and the attorney's fees fund contribution limits in Section 2.190.110.A will be adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers that is published by the United States Government Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Los Angeles area for the preceding year ("CPI").

C. Beginning in 2028, and in every even-numbered year thereafter, adjustments to the contribution limits in Section 2.190.040 A, B, and C, the officeholder contribution limits in Section 2.190.100.A, D, and E and the attorney's fees fund contribution limits in Section 2.190.110.A shall be made using the following formula: The contribution limits in Section 2.190.040 A, B, and C, Section 2.190.100.A, D, and E, and Section 2.190.110.A in effect at the time of the biennial adjustment, multiplied by the annual CPI from the preceding year, divided by the annual base CPI from the year the limits were last adjusted, rounded to the nearest $100.

D. Beginning in 2028, and in every even-numbered year thereafter, the expenditure limits in Section 2.190.050.A and Section 2.190.100.B will be adjusted to reflect changes in CPI. Adjustments to the expenditure limitations in Section 2.190.050.A and Section 2.190.100.B shall be made using the following formula: For Section 2.190.050.A, the voluntary expenditure limits in Section 2.190.050 A.1. and A.2. in effect at the time of the biennial adjustment, multiplied by the annual CPI from the preceding year, divided by the annual base CPI from the year the limits were last adjusted, rounded to the nearest cent. For Section 2.190.100.B, the expenditure limit in Section 2.190.100.B in effect at the time of the biennial adjustment, multiplied by the annual CPI from the preceding year, divided by the annual CPI from the year the limit was last adjusted, rounded to the nearest $100.

E. The Registrar-Recorder shall be responsible for adjusting the contribution and expenditure limits biennially to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index and shall publish those changes.

SECTION 10. Section 2.190.156 is hereby added to read as follows:

2.190.156 Operative Date of Changes to Contribution and Expenditure Limits.

~~A.~~ Changes to contribution limits and expenditure limits shall become operative prospectively and apply only to future elections, and shall not apply to any 2026 election campaigns in which the fundraising time period has already commenced.

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