

## 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 eChapter, shall be construed as defined in this sSection:

- 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 Ssection 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 ~~§~~section 82013.

E. "Contribution" shall have the meaning set forth in Government Code ~~§~~section 82015, except that as used in this ~~e~~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 ~~§~~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 Section 82027.5.

K. "Political party" means any "qualified party" as described in Elections Code Section 5100.

L. "Inter-Candidate Transfer" means the transfer of campaign funds from a candidate as defined by Government Code 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 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 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 receives 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 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 \$~~3400.00~~ for each primary election campaign and \$~~3400.00~~ 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 \$~~12,5200.00~~ 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.~~

DC. 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 \$~~6-9,560~~9,560.00 for each primary election campaign and \$~~6-9,560~~9,560.00 for each general election campaign.

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

**2.190.050 Voluntary eExpenditure ILimit.**

A. For each primary and for each general election for each eCounty 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 eCounty 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 eCounty-wide office the voluntary expenditure limit shall be \$0.2554 per resident of the eCounty 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 ~~Registrar-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 ~~e~~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.~~

CB. While there is no mandatory limit under this eChapter on the contribution of the personal funds of the candidate to ~~his or her~~their campaign for eCounty office other than the loan limitation set forth in sSubsection B of this sSection, a candidate may voluntarily agree to limit ~~his or her~~their contribution of personal funds, as set forth in sSubsection DC of this sSection.

DC. 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 ~~rRegistrar-rRecorder~~ 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 eCounty 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 eCounty 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 eCounty 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 eCounty 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 eCounty office. This option shall be known as the "unlimited personal funds option."

ED. In each primary election and in each general election, each candidate for eCounty office who has chosen the \$100,000.00 personal funds limit option, within ~~40~~ten days after filing ~~his or her~~their declaration with the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder as set forth in ~~s~~Subsection ~~DC~~DC 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 eCounty 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.

FE. In each primary election and in each general election, each candidate for eCounty office who has chosen the \$300,000.00 personal funds limit option, within ~~40~~ten days after filing ~~his or her~~their declaration with the ~~r~~Registrar-~~r~~Recorder as set forth in ~~s~~Subsection ~~DC~~DC 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 eCounty 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.

~~GF.~~ In each primary election and in each general election, each candidate for ~~€~~€County office who has chosen the unlimited personal funds option, within ~~40~~ten days after filing ~~his or her~~their declaration with the ~~†~~†Registrar-~~†~~†Recorder as set forth in ~~§~~§Subsection ~~DC~~DC of this ~~§~~§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 ~~€~~€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 ~~†~~†Registrar-~~†~~†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.

~~HG.~~ If a candidate agrees to a personal funds limit pursuant to ~~§~~§Subsection ~~DC.1., DC.2., or DC.3.~~DC.1., DC.2., or DC.3. of this ~~§~~§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 eExpenditure 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.~~

FA. If either in a primary or in a general election any candidate for a particular eCounty 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 ~~e~~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 ~~e~~Chapter.

~~H.C.~~ Within ~~five~~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.

~~¶D.~~ If the ~~¶Registrar-¶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 two business days of making this determination, the ~~¶Registrar-¶Recorder~~ shall provide written notification by certified mail to each such affected candidate of the adjusted expenditure limit.

~~¶E.~~ If the ~~¶Registrar-¶Recorder~~ determines that there exists sufficient evidence that a candidate who filed a declaration pursuant to Sections 2.190.060-~~¶C.1., ¶C.2., or ¶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 two business days of making this determination, the ~~¶Registrar-¶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 ~~e~~Contributions and ~~e~~Contributions from ~~e~~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 aAccounts.**

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

A. No eCounty 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 eCounty 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 eCounty officeholder who is a candidate for eCounty 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 €County officer in excess of \$12,520.00 in any calendar year. Said amount shall be in addition to any applicable limits on campaign contributions set forth in this €Chapter.

E. Unspent campaign funds related to an election to €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 §Section shall not count toward the contribution limits in this §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 §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 €County officer and may not be used to pay expenses related to a campaign for €County office of an officeholder who is a candidate for €County office.

G. Any €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 §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 Fees Fund.**

A. Any person who holds eCounty office or who is or was a candidate for eCounty office may maintain a fund, separate from campaign funds and any officeholder account, to pay attorney's fees to defend actions related to holding eCounty office or running for eCounty 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 \$12,500.00 per calendar year from any person. Unspent campaign funds related to an election to eCounty 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 eCounty office or who is or was a candidate for eCounty 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 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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