



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DAVID HAUBERT
Supervisor, First District

July 9, 2025
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.07 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO INCREASE THE LIMITATION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES IN COUNTY ELECTIONS AND ELIMINATE THE PROHIBITION ON MULTIPLE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 1.07.060 Administrative Code of Alameda County to increase the limitation on campaign contributions for county-wide elected offices from forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) and a candidate or elective County officer's contributions from twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) to forty thousand (\$40,000.00); and to eliminate the prohibition on multiple campaign committees in provision C.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

In an effort to create an equal playing field for all candidates for county elective offices, Supervisor Scott Haggerty authored an ordinance that imposed campaign contribution limits that prohibited any person or entity from making to any candidate for Alameda County office or elective officer, or a candidate's or elective County officer's controlled committee, a contribution or contributions totaling more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for each election. The Board of Supervisors adopted the ordinance in 2010.

Since the passing of this ordinance, it has been brought to Supervisor Miley and I's attention that this could hinder the ability of County officials who run in county-wide elections to raise the funds needed to organize and operate a county-wide campaign. The proposed amendment to the ordinance would increase the campaign contribution limits for county-wide elected offices from forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to sixty thousand (\$60,000). The amendment would also increase the contribution limit for offices elected by district, such as a Supervisor on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, from twenty thousand (\$20,000) to forty thousand (\$40,000). To bring the County's campaign laws closer in line with California law, Supervisor Miley and I seek to eliminate the prohibition on multiple campaign committees established by the Administrative Code section 1.07.060.

Your consideration and approval of this item is appreciated.

Chapter 1.07 of the Alameda County Administrative Code

- A. No person or entity shall make to any candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by district election, nor to any controlled committee of a candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by district election, a contribution or contributions totaling more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for each election. No controlled committee of such a candidate or elective county officer shall accept from any person or entity a contribution or contributions totaling more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for each election.
- B. No person or entity shall make to any candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by county-wide election, nor to any controlled committee of a candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by county-wide election, a contribution or contributions totaling more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) for each election.
- C. The Board of Supervisors shall by ordinance adjust the contribution limitations contained in subsections A and B of this section in January of odd-numbered years to reflect any cumulative increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index of California as announced by the United States Department of Labor since the last adjustment. Such adjustments shall be rounded off on to the nearest hundred dollars for the limitations on contributions.
- D. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to a candidate's own contributions of his or her personal funds to his or her own campaign or controlled committee.

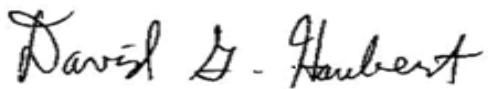
FINANCING:

No increase in net county cost.

VISION 2036 GOAL:

Adopting this ordinance supports a thriving and resilient population.

Sincerely,



David G. Haubert, President
Alameda County Board of Supervisors
District 1



Nate Miley
Alameda County Board of Supervisors
District 4

cc: Auditor-Controller
County Administrator
County Counsel

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING SECTIONS OF TITLE 1,
CHAPTER 1.07, OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA'S ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
REGARDING CAMPAIGN

REFORMS FOR ELECTIVE COUNTY OFFICES

WHEREAS, California law permits the County of Alameda to establish campaign prohibitions and contribution limits for elections for County offices; and

WHEREAS, the County enacted the Alameda County Campaign Reform Ordinance in 2010, established campaign prohibitions and contribution limits for elections for County offices; and

WHEREAS, to better enable candidates for County offices to raise the funds necessary to run for office, the County of Alameda Board of Supervisors seeks to increase the limits on campaign contributions from individual people or entities established by Administrative Code section 1.07.030(A) (for district elections) and (B) (for County-wide elections) from twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for district elections and from forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for County-wide elections; and

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda Board of Supervisors seeks to eliminate the obligation to periodically adjust campaign contribution limits established by Administrative Code section 1.07.030(C); and

WHEREAS, to bring the County's campaign laws closer in line with California law, the County of Alameda Board of Supervisors seeks to eliminate the prohibition on multiple campaign committees established by Administrative Code section 1.07.060;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Section 1.07.030 of Title 1, Chapter 1.07, of the County of Alameda Administrative Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.07.030 - Limitation of campaign contributions to candidates in county elections.

- A. No person or entity shall make to any candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by district election, nor to any controlled committee of a candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by district election, a contribution or contributions totaling more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for each election. No controlled committee of such a candidate or elective county officer shall accept from any person or entity a contribution or contributions totaling more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for each election.
- B. No person or entity shall make to any candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by county-wide election, nor to any controlled committee of a candidate for or elective county officer in a county office filled by county-wide election, a contribution or contributions totaling more than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) for each election. No controlled committee of such a candidate or elective county officer shall accept from any person or entity a contribution or contributions totaling more than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for each election.

- c. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to a candidate's own contributions of his or her personal funds to his or her own campaign or controlled committee.

Section II

Section 1.07.060 of Title 1, Chapter 1 07, of the County of Alameda Administrative Code, is hereby repealed.

Section III

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after the date of passage, and before the expiration of fifteen days after its passage, shall be published once with the names of the members voting for and against the same in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Alameda.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, on this ____ day of 2025, by the following called vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

EXCUSED.

David Haubert

President of the Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda, State of California

ATTEST: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Alameda, State of California

BY: _____

Approved as to Form

DONNA R. ZIEGLER, County Counsel

By _____

Print Name Sison Allen

President of the Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda, State of California

ATTEST: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Alameda, State of California

BY: _____