



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

B-2

For the meeting of: July 22, 2014

Date: July 16, 2014
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Campaign Finance Reform.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors move forward with an ordinance related to campaign finance reform, and direct staff regarding the provisions of a proposed ordinance to bring back to the Board for consideration.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

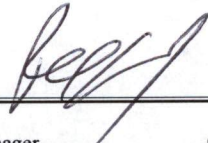
DISCUSSION: On March 11, 2014, the Board of Supervisor discussed Campaign Finance Reform. Following Board discussion, the Board directed that the discussion on campaign finance reform be continued to allow Board Members additional time to gather input, and to allow any Supervisor to bring the issue back to the Board at any time in the future. As such, Supervisor Bohn is once again bringing Campaign Finance Reform forward for Board consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Campaign Finance Reform Staff Report and Attachments from the March 11, 2014 Agenda Item.

Prepared by	Kathy Hayes	Signature	
REVIEW:			
Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel	Risk Manager
			Other
TYPE OF ITEM:		BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT	
☐ Consent		Upon motion of Supervisor	
☐ Departmental		Seconded by Supervisor	
☐ Public Hearing			
XX ☒ Other Board Initiated (20 minutes)			
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:		Ayes	
Board Order No. _____		Nays	
Meeting of: _____		Abstain	
		Absent	
		Board Order	
		and carried by those members present the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.	
		Dated: _____	
		By: _____	
		Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board	



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

H-1

For the meeting of: March 11, 2014

Date: March 4, 2014

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Counsel, Wendy B. Chaitin *Wendy B. Chaitin*

Subject: Campaign finance reform

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive the staff report and take public comment;
2. Discuss whether to move forward with a campaign finance reform ordinance and, if so, give direction to staff regarding the provisions of a proposed ordinance to bring back to the Board for consideration.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund.

DISCUSSION:

On February 25, 2014, your Board directed staff to examine and vet the campaign reform ordinance of Sonoma County presented by Supervisor Bohn and to bring back the findings to the Board in two weeks for discussion. Staff has reviewed the ordinance entitled "Campaign Contribution Limits" which can be found in Sections 2-300 through 2-314 of Chapter 2, Article XX of the Sonoma County Code (Attached as Exhibit A.). Counsel has found that the ordinance is in compliance with current state and federal laws.

The ordinance delineates the regulations for contributions and receipt of contributions to campaigns during an election cycle. It specifies limits as to the campaign contribution a person may make to County

Prepared by Blair Angus CAO Approval *Adams*
REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel *WBC* Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
☐ Consent
☒ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. G.I.

Meeting of: February 25, 2014

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor _____ Seconded by Supervisor _____

Ayes
Nays
Abstain
Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: _____
By: _____
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

BOARD ORDER

government's elected officials and candidates, with biennial adjustments in the amount of 5 percent. A person is defined by the ordinance as an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, or any other organization (or group of persons) acting in concert. There are no criminal penalties for violation of the ordinance and there is no administrative hearing process. The ordinance imposes fines for violations and the District Attorney's office is authorized to file and prosecute a civil action in superior court to recover any amounts owing to the County. A summary of the major points of the ordinance is attached as Exhibit B.

Several California counties have adopted ordinances establishing a two-tiered contribution limit that allows candidates accepting voluntary spending limits to receive larger individual campaign contributions. The Sonoma County ordinance does not address voluntary spending limits.

A comparison chart showing the limits imposed by county ordinances throughout the State, voluntary spending limits, if applicable, as well as various enforcement provisions is attached as Exhibit C.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is minimal financial impact to the County in drafting a campaign reform ordinance. There will be financial impacts to the County in utilizing staff time and resources in enforcing such an ordinance. An ordinance of this kind would support the Board's Strategic Framework by adopting regulations to protect residents and safeguard the public trust.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit "A" - Sonoma County Ordinance

Exhibit "B" - Summary chart - Sonoma County Ordinance.

Exhibit "C" - Comparison Chart: California County Campaign Finance Ordinances

Exhibit “A”

Article XX. - Campaign Contribution Limits.

- Sec. 2-300. - Intent and purpose.
- Sec. 2-301. - Relation to Political Reform Act of 1974.
- Sec. 2-302. - Definitions.
- Sec. 2-303. - Contribution limitations.
- Sec. 2-304. - Outstanding debt retirement and reporting.
- Sec. 2-305. - Election cycles.
- Sec. 2-306. - Aggregation of contributions.
- Sec. 2-307. - Multiple campaign committees.
- Sec. 2-308. - Loans to county candidates and their controlled committees.
- Sec. 2-309. - Funds, property, goods or services received by officials treated as contributions.
- Sec. 2-310. - Disclosure requirements.
- Sec. 2-311. - Reporting of cumulative contributions.
- Sec. 2-312. - Reporting of late contributions.
- Sec. 2-313. - Notice of independent expenditures.
- Sec. 2-314. - Enforcement of chapter.

Sec. 2-300. - Intent and purpose.

The purpose of this article is to ensure that the financial strength of certain individuals or organizations does not permit them to exercise a disproportionate or controlling influence on the election of Sonoma County candidates. To achieve such purpose, this article is designed to reduce the influence of large contributions, to ensure that individuals and interest groups continue to have a fair and equal opportunity to participate in electing county candidates, and to maintain public trust in governmental institutions and the electoral process.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-301. - Relation to Political Reform Act of 1974.

This article is intended to supplement the Political Reform Act of 1974. Unless a word or term is specifically defined in this article, or the contrary is stated or clearly appears from the context, words and terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined or used in Title 9 of the California Government Code, in which the Political Reform Act of 1974 is codified, and as supplemented by the Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission as set forth in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulation, as the same may be, from time to time, amended.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-302. - Definitions.

(a) "County candidate" means any person who is a candidate for supervisor, assessor, auditor-controller, county clerk-public administrator, recorder, treasurer-tax collector, district attorney, sheriff-coroner or superintendent of schools, or is an elective county officer whether or not that elective county officer is a candidate for reelection.

(b) "County election" means any primary election, general (runoff) election, special election or recall election.

(c) "County office" means the office of county supervisor, assessor, auditor-controller, county clerk-public administrator, recorder, treasurer-tax collector, district attorney, sheriff-coroner, and

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superintendent of schools.

(d) "Election cycle" means the applicable period as set forth in Section 2-305 of this article.

(e) "Elective county officer" means any person who is a member of the board of supervisors, or is the assessor, auditor-controller, county clerk-public administrator, recorder, treasurer-tax collector, district attorney, sheriff-coroner, or superintendent of schools, whether appointed or elected.

(f) "Indebted former candidate" means a person, other than an elective county officer, who was a candidate for a county office at any county election and who has campaign debt remaining from such election after expiration of the election cycle for the county office for which he or she was a candidate.

(g) "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-303. - Contribution limitations.

(a) County Candidates. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person shall make, and no county candidate or treasurer of any controlled committee of any county candidate shall solicit or accept, any contributions which would cause the total amount contributed by such person to such candidate or to his or her controlled committee, to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) during any election cycle for any county office. No contributions shall be accepted by any candidate before the beginning of the election cycle related to the election for which the person is a candidate. Contributions accepted for campaign expenses and for officeholder expenses shall be aggregated for purposes of the limitation set forth in this section.

(b) Elective County Officers With Outstanding Debt From Prior Election. No person shall make, and no elective county officer, or treasurer of any controlled committee of any elective county officer, shall solicit or accept, any contributions for the purpose of retiring outstanding debt from a prior county election which would cause the total amount contributed by such person to such elective county officer or to his or her controlled committee, to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the election in which the outstanding debt was incurred, regardless of when the contribution(s) is made or received. This restriction shall not apply to indebted former candidates who are not elective county officers.

(c) Recall Elections. The contribution limitations set forth in Section 2-303(a) shall also apply to any committee which collects contributions for the purpose of making expenditures in support of or opposition to the recall of an elective county officer, and to contributions received by such elective county officer, during a recall election cycle as defined in Section 2-305 of this article.

(d) Candidate's Personal Funds. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a county candidate's contribution of his or her personal funds to his or her own controlled committee. Contributions by the spouse of a county candidate from such spouse's separate property shall be subject to the contribution limitations set forth in Section 2-303(a).

(e) Special Circumstances Permitting Increased Contribution Limits. In any election cycle where independent expenditures totaling more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) are made to support or oppose any candidate for county office, the two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) limit imposed

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by this section shall be increased to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for all candidates running for the same seat. In such an instance, no person shall make, and no county candidate, elective county officer or treasurer of any controlled committee of any county candidate or elective county officer shall solicit or accept, any contributions which would cause the total amount contributed by such person to such candidate or to his or her controlled committee, to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

(f) Escalator. Contribution limits shall be increased by five percent (5%) biannually with the first escalation to take place on January 1, 2011.

(Ord. No. 5798 § 2, 2008; Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-304. - Outstanding debt retirement and reporting.

(a) Any elective county officer or indebted former candidate, or any controlled committee of any such officer or candidate, accepting any contribution(s) for the purpose of retiring outstanding debt from a prior county election and required by state law to report such contributions on Schedule A of Fair Political Practices Commission Form 460 or any successor form thereto, shall, at the time required for the reporting of such contributions on Schedule A and in addition to any other reporting requirements under state law, clearly designate on said Schedule A which contributions were received for the purpose of retiring outstanding debt and for which prior county election such contributions were received.

(b) Any contribution accepted for the purpose of retiring outstanding debt from a prior county election shall be applied to reduce or retire said outstanding debt in the same reporting period in which such contribution was accepted. The application of any contribution to retire outstanding debt from a prior county election (i.e., repayment of outstanding loans and payment of accrued expenses) shall be itemized and identified on the appropriate schedules and on the Summary Page of Form 460, or any successor form thereto, provided by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

(c) No elective county officer or indebted former candidate, or any controlled committee of any such officer or candidate, shall use any contributions received for the purpose of retiring outstanding debt from a prior county election for any purpose other than for the retirement of outstanding debt remaining from the prior county election for which such contribution was received.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-305. - Election cycles.

(a) Primary Elections. For purposes of any primary election for any county office, the term "election cycle" as used in this article shall mean the period commencing on the day after a primary election for such county office, and ending on the day of the next primary election for the same county office. In the event there is a runoff election, the primary "election cycle" for the next primary election shall commence on the day after the runoff election and end on the day of the next primary election for the same county office. Notwithstanding the preceding sentences, following a special election for any county office, the "election cycle" for the next primary election for said county office shall commence on the day following said special election and shall end on the day of the next primary election for the same county office.

(b) General (Runoff) Elections. For purposes of any runoff election for any county office, the term "election cycle" as used in this article shall mean the period commencing on the day after the primary election for such county office and ending on the day of the runoff election.

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(c) Special Elections. For purposes of any special election for any county office, the term "election cycle" as used in this article shall mean the period commencing on the date a special election is called by the board of supervisors and ending on the day of the special election.

(d) Recall Elections. For purposes of any recall election of any elective county officer, the term "election cycle" as used in this article shall mean the period commencing on either the date a committee is formed pursuant to the Political Reform Act in support of a recall election or the date the county registrar of voters approves a recall petition for circulation and gathering of signatures, whichever occurs earlier, and ending on the day the first of the following events occur:

- (1) The time provided by law for the gathering of signatures on recall petitions expires without sufficient recall petition signatures having been filed with the county registrar of voters to require a recall election;
- (2) All committees formed in support of the recall have been terminated pursuant to the provisions of the Political Reform Act;
- (3) The date the recall election is held.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-306. - Aggregation of contributions.

For purposes of the contribution limitations contained in this article, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) All contributions made by a sponsored committee to a county candidate or to an elective county officer (or to a committee controlled by such candidate or officer) shall be combined with those contributions made during the same election cycle by the sponsor(s) of the committee. Consistent with the definition and use of the terms "sponsored committee" and "sponsor" in the Political Reform Act, the term "sponsor" shall not include individuals.

(b) Contributions received from the following combinations of individuals and entities must be aggregated to determine the cumulative amount of contributions received from a contributor:

- (1) Contributions from an individual who makes contributions from personal funds and who also has sole authority to direct and control contributions made from other funds;
 - (2) Contributions from business entities in a parent-subsidary relationship and business entities with the same controlling owner (more than fifty percent (50%)), unless the entities act completely independently in their decisions to make contributions;
 - (3) Contributions from any number of entities or committees if the same person or a majority of the same persons in fact directs and controls the contributions each entity makes. This subdivision shall not apply to treasurers of committees if these treasurers do not participate in or control in any way a decision on whether the candidate or candidates received contributions.
- (c) Contributions by a married person shall be treated as the separate contributions of such person and shall not be aggregated with any contributions of the spouse of such person.
- (d) Contributions by children under eighteen (18) years of age shall be treated as contributions by their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), one-half to each parent or guardian unless only one (1)

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parent or guardian has legal custody of such child in which event any such contributions shall be attributed solely to the custodial parent.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-307. - Multiple campaign committees.

(a) A county candidate shall have no more than one (1) controlled committee for each county office for which such individual is a candidate or is an elective county officer and such controlled committee shall have only one (1) bank account out of which all qualified campaign and officeholder expenses related to that county office shall be made.

(b) This section does not prevent a county candidate or an elective county officer from establishing another controlled committee solely for the purpose of running for a state, federal, city or other elective county office, or for opposing his or her recall.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-308. - Loans to county candidates and their controlled committees.

(a) A loan shall be considered a contribution from the maker and the guarantor of the loan and shall be subject to the contribution limitations of this article.

(b) The proceeds of a loan made to a county candidate by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on the same terms available to members of the public shall not be subject to the contribution limitations of this article if the loan is made directly to the candidate. The guarantors of such a loan shall remain subject to the contribution limits of this article.

(c) Extensions of credit (other than loans pursuant to Section 2-308(b)) for a period of more than thirty (30) days are subject to the contribution limitations of this article.

(d) This section shall apply only to loans and extensions of credit used or intended for use for campaign purposes or which are otherwise connected with the holding of public office.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-309. - Funds, property, goods or services received by officials treated as contributions.

Any funds, property, goods or services, other than government funds, received by elective county officers which are used, or intended by the donor or by the recipient to be used, for expenses (including legal expenses) related to holding public office, shall be considered campaign contributions and shall be subject to the contribution limitation of Section 2-303. Reimbursement for travel expenses related to holding public office shall be excluded from the provisions of this section.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-310. - Disclosure requirements.

(a) Disclosure of name, address, and occupation and employer of contributor. If either the name, address, occupation and employer of an individual contributor (or if such individual is self-employed, the name of the business, if any, under which the individual is operating) is not on file in the records of the recipient of the contribution by the end of the reporting period in which the contribution was accepted,

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the contribution shall then be returned to the individual, or to the county's general fund, by the end of that reporting period. Notwithstanding the above, if a contribution does not designate the requisite information, the candidate or the candidate's committee may hold the contribution without returning it or depositing it into a campaign account for a period of up to fourteen (14) days while the requisite information is obtained. The required information shall be reported on Schedule A of Form 460, or any successor form thereto, as prepared by the Fair Political Practices Commission. Both the receipt and return of any such contribution shall be disclosed on the appropriate schedules of Form 460, or any successor form thereto, as prepared by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

(b) Disclosure of Major Contributors. Any mailing financially supported by an independent expenditure committee shall indicate on the envelope containing the mailing, and on the mailing itself, the name of the committee, and the names of the top three financial contributors to the committee at the time the mailing is being prepared. This required disclosure shall be in substantially the following form: "This information is provided by [Name of Independent Expenditure Committee] and has been supported by [names of top three contributors]."

(Ord. No. 5798 § 2, 2008; Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-311. - Reporting of cumulative contributions.

Contributions received from any contributor during a reporting period which have a cumulative total of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more when added to all other contributions received from such contributor during the same election cycle shall be itemized and reported, both as to individual contribution amounts received during the reporting period and the total cumulative amount received during the election cycle. Such amounts shall be reported on Schedule A of Form 460 or any successor form thereto, as prepared by the Fair Political Practices Commission, if the candidate or controlled committee is required to use such form, or shall be reported on a separate schedule appended to the required campaign statement. The term election cycle as used in this section shall mean the period described in Section 2-305.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-312. - Reporting of late contributions.

Any contribution(s) of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more, including contributions aggregated pursuant to Section 2-306, that are made to or received by a county candidate, his or her controlled committee or a committee formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a county candidate, shall be reported within twenty-four (24) hours if the contribution(s) were made or received before the date of the election at which the county candidate is to be voted on, but after the closing date of the last campaign statement required to be filed before the election.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-313. - Notice of independent expenditures.

Any person who makes independent expenditures in support of or in opposition to any county candidate, which accumulate to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more during an election cycle shall notify the county registrar of voters and all candidates running for the same seat, by telegram, facsimile, or by any other electronic means accepted by the county registrar of voters, within twenty-four (24) hours each time such an expenditure is made.

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(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Sec. 2-314. - Enforcement of chapter.

(a) No Criminal Penalties. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Sonoma County Code, any violation of any provision of this article shall be enforceable solely as provided in this section.

(b) Civil Liability. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates or otherwise fails to comply with any provision or requirement of this article shall be liable to the county of Sonoma in a sum not to exceed the following amount for each such violation:

(1) For the making or accepting of any contribution in excess of the applicable contribution limits specified in this article, a sum equal to three (3) times the amount by which the contribution exceeds the applicable contribution limit, or the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater, for each violation.

(2) For any other violation of this article, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation.

(c) Right to Cure Unknowing Violation. In the event a candidate accepts a contribution and then becomes aware it is in violation of the contribution limit, that violation by the candidate may be excused, and will not be deemed "knowing and willful," if the candidate returns the contribution or contributes it to the county general fund within fourteen (14) days of becoming aware of the violation.

(d) Debt Owning to County. Any amount due from any person pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be a debt due and owing upon demand to the general fund of the county of Sonoma.

(e) Civil Action to Collect Debt and Obtain Other Relief. The district attorney of the county of Sonoma may file and prosecute a civil action in superior court, to recover any amount(s) due and owing to the county of Sonoma by any person pursuant to this section, or to enjoin any violation or otherwise compel compliance with the requirements of this article. In the event an allegation of violation of this chapter involves a candidate for district attorney, the matter shall be referred to the California Attorney General for investigation and enforcement.

(f) Limitation of Actions. No civil action shall be brought under the provisions of this section unless said action is filed within two (2) years following the date of such violation.

(g) Remedial Measures. If the district attorney determines or believes that any person (the target party) has violated any provision of this article, the district attorney may, at his or her sole discretion, advise the target party of remedial measures which may be taken by the target party to avoid possible civil action (the "remedial measures"). Such remedial measures may, but need not necessarily, include the payment of a civil fine to the county. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to require the district attorney to offer remedial measures to any target party. In the event the target party is offered and timely performs such remedial measures to the satisfaction of the district attorney, the district attorney shall advise the target party (and any person who, in writing, informed or complained to the district attorney concerning any such violation), in writing, that the alleged violation has been resolved (the letter of resolution) and, in such event, no civil action shall thereafter be filed or maintained relating to such alleged violation of this article.

(Ord. No. 5231 § 2, 2000.)

Exhibit “B”

Exhibit B: Summary of Sonoma County Ordinance

Figure 1: Quick Reference -- Sonoma County Ordinance

Contributor	Limits	Escalator	Effect of Independent Expenditures	Voluntary Spending Limits	Enforcement
"Person" as defined by ordinance.	\$2,500	Contribution limits shall be increased by 5% biannually.	In an election cycle where independent expenditures total more than \$10,000, the limit is increased to \$5,000.	None	Civil only

Figure 2: Brief Outline of Sonoma County Ordinance

Contribution Limits	Sets a limit of \$2,500 during any election cycle for any county office. Limits contributions for the purpose of retiring the campaign debt of elective county offices regardless when the contribution is made. Contribution limits do not apply to the candidate's personal funds. Loans as well as funds, property, goods, or services received by Officials are treated as contributions. Contribution limits shall be increased by five percent (5%) biannually.
Special Circumstances Permitting Increased Contribution Limits	In any election cycle where independent expenditures totaling more than \$10,000 are made to support or oppose any candidate for county office, the limit on campaign contributions is raised to \$5,000 for all candidates running for the same seat. Independent contributions must be reported to the county registrar.
Outstanding Debt Retirement and Reporting	Candidates are required to use FPPC form 460 to report contributions received for the purpose of retiring outstanding debt. Reporting due during the period in which the contribution was accepted.
Election Cycles	Begins on the day after an election and ends on the day of the next election for the same office.
Aggregation of Contributions	Limits apply to contributions made by committees and entities if the same person has sole authority to direct and control the contribution each entity makes. Limits apply to business entities in a parent-subsidiary relationship and business entities with the same controlling owner. Contributions from a married person are treated as separate contributions.
Multiple Campaign Committees	Not permitted.
Reporting/Disclosure Requirements	Requires disclosure of name, address, occupation, and employer of contributor. Independent Expenditure Committees must indicate the name of the committee and the names of the top three contributors to the committee. Requires reporting of contributions that have a cumulative total of \$100 or more when added to contributions received during the same election cycle. Requires reporting of contributions of => \$500 that are received (1) after the date of the closing date for the last campaign statement to be filed before the election, and (2) before the date of the election.
Enforcement	District Attorney authorized to pursue civil enforcement. Cases involving election of the District Attorney are to be referred to the California Attorney General.

Exhibit “C”

Exhibit C: Comparison Chart – California Campaign Finance Ordinances

County	Limit Contribution	Vol. Spending Cap	Penalty/Enforcement
Butte	No	No	No
Contra Costa	\$1675 money \$5000 in kind	No	Criminal
Fresno	No	No	Infraction
Kern	No Cap: \$500 individual \$1500 Committee With Cap: \$1500 individual \$3000 Committee	Yes	Administrative penalties enforced by County Clerk. May also refer to DA.
Los Angeles	No Cap: \$300 With Cap: Up to \$3000	Yes	Criminal Civil Administrative
Marin	No	Yes	Criminal Civil Administrative
Orange	\$1900	No	No
Riverside	No	No	Administrative only
Sacramento	\$250 - \$1000	Yes	Criminal Civil
San Bernadino	Refers to limits set forth in subd. (a) of Gov. Code §85301. \$3000	No.	Criminal Civil Administrative FPPC enforced
San Diego	\$500	Yes	Criminal DA

Exhibit C: Comparison Chart – California Campaign Finance Ordinances				
County	Limit Contribution	Vol. Spending Cap	Penalty/Enforcement	
San Francisco	\$500 to candidate.		Criminal Civil Administrative	
San Mateo	\$1000	No	No	
Santa Barbara	Adopts limit set forth in subd. (a) of Gov. Code §85301 \$3000	Yes	Criminal	
Santa Clara	\$500	Yes	DA to handle penalties for late filing only	
Santa Cruz	\$400		Criminal	
Sonoma	\$2,500 May increase to \$5000 when independent contributions exceed \$10,000	No	Civil (DA to enforce)	
Ventura	\$375 to \$750	Yes	Admin Civil	

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Certified Copy of Portion of Proceedings, Meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Campaign Finance Reform
ACTION: A motion was made to continue the discussion on campaign finance reform to allow the Supervisors to gather more input, allow any Supervisor to bring this issue back at any time, and ask the County Administrative Officer to post the staff report and Sonoma County Ordinance on the Open Humboldt Website as well as include a link to the video recording for the Board's discussion.

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Lovelace and seconded by Supervisor Sundberg and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors:	Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass
NAYS:	Supervisors:	n/a
ABSENT:	Supervisors:	n/a

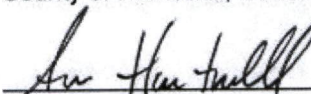
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt) s.s.

I, ANA HARTWELL, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

ANA HARTWELL

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California


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