

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: 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

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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