

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-0004

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

February 26, 2019

An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 2.13 of the Sacramento City Code, Relating to Campaign Contribution Limitations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

A. Section 2.13.040 of the Sacramento City Code is amended as follows:

1. The definition of “off-election year” is amended to read as follows:

“Off-election year” means each of the calendar years during the term of a city elective office in which an election for that office is not held, subject to the following:

1. For purposes of a regular election for city elective office, the period from January 1st through March 31st of the year preceding the year of the election is considered an off-election year, while the period from April 1st through December 31st of that year is considered part of the election year and the aggregate limitations on off-year contributions set forth in Section 2.13.050 are not applicable to contributions made during that period.
2. If a candidate for city elective office receives a majority of votes cast in the primary election, the period from the first date of the month immediately following the month of the primary election through December 31st of that year is considered an off-election year for that candidate.
3. For purposes of a special election to fill a city elective office that became vacant in a year prior to the year of the special election, the prior year is not considered an off-election year.
4. For purposes of a special election to fill a city elective office, the period from the first day of the month immediately following the month in which the special election is held through December 31st of the year of the special election is considered an off-election year for that candidate for purposes of applicable contribution limitations.

2. The definition of “primary election period” is amended to read as follows:

“Primary election period” means the period from April 1st of the year preceding the year of the election through the last day of the month in which the primary election is held.

- B. Except as amended by subsection A above, all provisions of section 2.13.040 remain unchanged and in full effect.

SECTION 2.

- A. Section 2.13.050 of the Sacramento City Code is amended as follows:

1. Subsection A is amended to read as follows:

A. Councilmembers. Contributions to candidates for the office of city councilmember are subject to the following limitations in addition to any limitations established by the Political Reform Act:

1. Contributions by Persons. No person shall make, and no candidate for the office of city councilmember, controlled committee of the candidate, or person acting by or on behalf of the candidate or the candidate’s controlled committee shall accept, any contribution that would cause the total amount contributed by that person to the candidate, or to the candidate’s controlled committee, to exceed \$1,750 in any of the following periods: a primary election period; a general election period; or a special election period. If the Political Reform Act establishes a lower limit for special elections, the lower limit applies.
2. Contributions by Large Political Committees. No large political committee shall make, and no candidate for the office of city council member, controlled committee of the candidate, or person acting by or on behalf of the candidate or the candidate’s controlled committee shall accept, any contribution that would cause the total amount contributed by that large political committee to the candidate, or to the candidate’s controlled committee, to exceed \$5,850 in any of the following periods: a primary election period; a general election period; or a special election period. If the Political Reform Act establishes a lower limit for special elections, the lower limit applies.

2. Subsection B is amended to read as follows:

B. Mayor. Contributions to candidates for the office of mayor shall be subject to the following limitations in addition to any limitations established by the Political Reform Act:

1. Contributions by Persons. No person shall make, and no candidate for the office of mayor, controlled committee of the candidate, or person acting by or on behalf of the candidate or the candidate's controlled committee, shall accept into the candidate's campaign contribution account, any contribution that would cause the total amount contributed by that person to the candidate, or to the candidate's controlled committee to exceed \$3,500 in any of the following periods: a primary election period; a general election period; or a special election period. If the Political Reform Act establishes a lower limit for special elections, the lower limit applies.

2. Contributions by Large Political Committees. No large political committee shall make, and no candidate for the office of mayor, controlled committee of the candidate, or person acting by or on behalf of the candidate or the candidate's controlled committee shall accept, any contribution which would cause the total amount contributed by that large political committee to the candidate, or to the candidate's controlled committee, to exceed \$11,650 in any of the following periods: a primary election period; a general election period; or a special election period. If the Political Reform Act establishes a lower limit for special elections, the lower limit applies.

B. Except as amended by subsection A above, all provisions of section 2.13.050 remain unchanged and in full effect.

SECTION 3.

Section 2.13.065 of the Sacramento City Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Candidate for City Council Position. A candidate or controlled committee of a candidate for a city council position other than mayor shall provide the following written notice:

NOTICE

Chapter 2.13 of the Sacramento City Code limits the amounts that a contributor may give to a candidate for a City Council position for a

primary, general or special election. Generally, a contributor other than a large political committee may not give more than \$1,750 to a candidate for a City Council position for a primary, general or special election, while a large political committee may not give more than \$5,850 to a candidate for City Council for a primary, general or special election. Chapter 2.13 contains certain other rules that may affect the amounts that an individual contributor may give. Please read Chapter 2.13 before making a contribution to my campaign.

- B. Candidate for Mayoral Position. A candidate or controlled committee of a candidate for mayor shall provide the following written notice:

NOTICE

Chapter 2.13 of the Sacramento City Code limits the amounts that a contributor may give to a candidate for Mayor for a primary, general or special election. Generally, a contributor other than a large committee may not give more than \$3,500 to a candidate for Mayor for a primary, general or special election, while a large political committee may not give more than \$11,650 to a candidate for Mayor for a primary, general or special election. Chapter 2.13 contains certain other rules that may affect the amounts that an individual contributor may give. Please read Chapter 2.13 before making a contribution to my campaign.

SECTION 4.

- A. Subsection A.1 of section 2.13.080 of the Sacramento City Code is amended to read as follows:
1. Except as provided in subsection (A)(2) of this section, the following aggregate off-election year contribution limits apply:
 - a. No councilmember or candidate for the city office of councilmember shall accept contributions totaling more than \$29,150 in any single off-election year.
 - b. No mayor or candidate for the city office of mayor shall accept contributions totaling more than \$58,300 in any single off-election year.
- B. Except as amended by subsection A above, all provisions of section 2.13.080 remain unchanged and in full effect.

SECTION 5.

A. Subsection E of section 2.13.085 of the Sacramento City Code is amended to read as follows:

E. No person (other than the officer or candidate) shall make, and no legal expense fund committee for an elective city officer or candidate for elective city office shall solicit or accept, contributions from any person to a legal defense fund totaling more than \$1,150.

B. Except as amended by subsection A above, all provisions of section 2.13.085 remain unchanged and in full effect.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on February 26, 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest:

Mindy Cuppy

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The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.

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