

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON
2 AMENDING CHAPTER VI OF THE COMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING
3 SECTION 6-24 (CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS)

4 **WHEREAS**, the California Political Reform Act of 1974 ("Political Reform Act"),
5 codified at Government Code Section 81000, *et seq.*, was amended by the voters in 1988
6 to impose contribution limitations for statewide offices, and authorized local jurisdictions to
7 enact contribution limits or other prohibitions; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2019, the Legislature amended the Political Reform Act to impose
9 contribution limitations on local elective offices in jurisdictions that have not enacted their
10 own contribution limits with the passage of Assembly Bill ("AB") 571; and

11 **WHEREAS**, AB 571 imposes a default campaign contribution limit upon cities and
12 counties without campaign contribution limits beginning January 1, 2021, but further
13 authorizes counties and cities to establish their own campaign contribution limits for their
14 elective offices; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 10202 (automatically repealed on January 1,
16 2021) and Government Code Section 85702.5 (effective on January 1, 2021) further
17 permits the City to establish its own campaign contribution limits that are different from
18 what is established by Government Code Section 85301 and 83124 by resolution or
19 ordinance; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City of Compton currently does not have campaign contribution
21 limits or regulations and it is the intent of the City Council that this Ordinance establishing
22 that there be no limit on campaign contributions comply with the free speech clauses of the
23 United States and California Constitutions and the decisional law by the federal and state
24 courts; and

25 **WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the City Council does not desire to establish
26 campaign contribution limits for candidates for Elective City office.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON DOES
28 HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

29 **Section 1.** That Chapter 6 (Election Procedure) of the Compton Municipal Code
30 is hereby amended to add a new Section 6-24 (titled "Campaign Contribution Limits) to
31 read as follows:

32 **6-24 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.**

6-24.1 Purpose. On October 8, 2019, the Governor signed
Assembly Bill 571, setting campaign limits for elective city offices commensurate with State
limits. Assembly Bill 571 also authorizes a city to set its own campaign contribution limits
different than the State limits. The purpose of this Section is to comply with the provision
of Government Code Section 85702.5 which authorizes a city to impose its own limit on
campaign contributions by ordinance or resolution.

6-24.2 Definitions. Except as more specifically provided herein, the
definitions set forth in the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Sections 81000,
et seq., as amended) shall govern interpretation of this Section 6-24 and are hereby
incorporated by reference.

"City election" shall mean any primary, general, or special election,
including a recall election, held within the City of Compton for elective City office or on a
City measure. Each primary, general, or special election is a separate election for
purposes of this section.

1 "Elective City office" shall mean member of the City Council, the
2 Mayor, the City Clerk, the City Treasurer and the City Attorney.

3 **6-24.3 City Campaign Contribution Limits.** The City Council
4 hereby imposes no limit on the campaign contributions that a candidate for Elective City
5 office may receive for any separate City election.

6 **Section 2.** That should any provision, section, subsection, sentence, paragraph,
7 clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance, hereby adopted, be rendered or declared invalid
8 by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction, or by any reason of any
9 preemptive legislation, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this
10 Ordinance which can be implemented without the invalid provisions, and, to this end, the
11 provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

12 **Section 3.** That a copy of this Ordinance shall be filed in the offices of the City
13 Clerk, City Manager and the City Attorney.

14 **Section 4.** That this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of
15 its final passage and adoption by the City Council.

16 **Section 5.** That the Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the
17 adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause same to be published as required by law.

18 **ADOPTED** this 9th day of February, 2021.

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21 **MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMPTON**

22 **ATTEST:**

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25 **CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON**

26 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
27 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
28 CITY OF COMPTON)

29 I, Alita Godwin, City Clerk of the City of Compton, do hereby certify that the foregoing
30 Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Compton, signed by the Mayor
31 and attested by the City Clerk at a regular meeting thereof held on the 9th day of
32 February, 2021.

That said Ordinance was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS- Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS- None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS- Galvan
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS- None



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON