

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF MERCED, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
ESTABLISHING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
LIMITS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-134

WHEREAS, the County of Merced ("County") currently does not have campaign contribution limits or regulations; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 571 ("AB 571") imposes default campaign contribution limits upon cities and counties without campaign contribution limits beginning January 1, 2021. The default contribution limit amount for individual contributors is set at the same amount as for State elected officials as that amount is adjusted by the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") pursuant to Government Code Sections 85301 and 83124, which is set at \$4,900 for elections held in calendar years 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 85702.5 permits the County to establish its own campaign contribution limits that are different from what is established by Government Code Sections 85301 and 83124 by resolution or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of the Board of Supervisors in enacting this Resolution to preserve an orderly political forum in which individuals and groups may express themselves effectively; to minimize the improper influence, real or potential, of campaign contributors over the County's elected officials; and to place realistic limits on the amounts of money that may be contributed to political campaigns in elections for County offices; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish a campaign contribution limit as provided for in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

SECTION 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

SECTION 2. Campaign Contribution Limits. A person shall not make to a candidate for elective county office, and a candidate for elective county office shall not accept from a person, a contribution totaling more than the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per election. The provisions of this Resolution do not apply to a candidate's personal funds to the candidate's own campaign.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is effective upon the date of adoption.

I, JAMES L. BROWN, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 14 of December, 2021 by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

AYES: Daron McDaniel, Rodrigo Espinoza, Josh Pedrozo, Lloyd Pareira Jr.,
Scott Silveira

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Board this 14 day of December, 2021.

James L. Brown, Clerk

By: Angie Ruiz
Deputy

