

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-120

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE SETTING OF A ZERO-  
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT IN THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA FOR LOCAL  
ELECTIONS AND DEEMING THE ZERO-LIMIT AS AN IMPOSED LIMIT PURSUANT  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 571.**

**WHEREAS**, the California legislature enacted AB 571, which will take effect on January 1, 2021, and will impose campaign contribution limits on local elections in those cities that do not currently have established limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City had not previously established limits on campaign contributions in its local elections; and

**WHEREAS**, it was determined that the City of Santa Maria had not experienced large campaign contributions by single contributors to individual candidates that would provide undue influence in its local elections; and

**WHEREAS**, by setting a zero-campaign contribution limit by the operative date of January 1, 2021, the City would not be bound by the State's default limits, nor its enforcement administration, and ensures the City's ability to maintain the status quo of not having campaign contribution limits in the City of Santa Maria.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Santa Maria that:

1. Zero-campaign contribution limits are hereby established in the City of Santa Maria for local elections, and thereby setting a limit pursuant to AB 571 before the operative date of January 1, 2021.

2. The Chief Deputy City Clerk is hereby authorized to make minor changes herein to address clerical errors, so long as substantial conformance of the intent of this document is maintained. In doing so, the Chief Deputy City Clerk shall consult with the City Manager and City Attorney concerning any changes deemed necessary.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Santa Maria, California, held this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ ALICE M. PATINO  
Mayor

/s/ RHONDA M. WHITE, CMC  
Chief Deputy City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*[Signature]*  
for: City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Department Director

*[Signature]*  
City Manager

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ) ss.  
CITY OF SANTA MARIA )

I, **M. Beth Cleary**, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 2020-120** which was duly and regularly introduced and adopted by said City Council at a regular meeting held **December 1, 2020**, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero and Moats, and Mayor Patino

NOES: Councilmember Soto

ABSENT: Councilmember Waterfield

ABSTAIN: None.



*M. Beth Cleary*  
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Deputy City Clerk  
City of Santa Maria