

## RESOLUTION NO. 2022-8

### RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING COUNTY CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

**WHEREAS**, Solano County ("County") currently does not have local campaign contribution limits or regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill No. 571 ("AB 571") imposes a default campaign contribution limit upon cities and counties without campaign contribution limits that went into effect on January 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the default contribution limit amount 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(a) and 83214, which is currently \$4,900 per election; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 85702.5 allows the County to establish its own campaign contribution limits that are different from what is established by Government Code sections 85301(a) and 83124; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the County's intent in enacting this Resolution to preserve an orderly political forum in which individuals and groups may express themselves effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the County desires to establish a campaign contribution limit that is different from what is established by Government Code section 85301(a) and 83124.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:**

1. For countywide elected offices in Solano County, the County Board of Supervisors limits the source and amount of campaign contributions that may be made to candidates and committees controlled by candidates for each election cycle.
2. For purposes of this resolution, the following definitions shall apply and except for these specific definitions, the definitions set forth in the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code sections 81000 et seq.) shall govern the interpretation.
  - a. "County Election" shall mean any primary election, general ("runoff") election, special election, special runoff election, recall election, or a recall replacement election.
  - b. "County Elected Office" shall mean seats on the Board of Supervisors, the Assessor-Recorder, Auditor-Controller, District Attorney, Sheriff-Coroner, and Tax Collector-Treasure-County Clerk.
  - c. "Person" shall have the same meaning as that set out in Government Code Section 82047, as it may be amended, which currently includes "an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert.
3. No Person shall make to a candidate for County Elected Office, or a committee controlled by that candidate, nor shall a candidate for County Elected Office, or a committee controlled by that candidate, accept from a Person a contribution totaling more than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). The County may adjust this contribution limit in January of every odd-numbered year beginning in January of 2023.

4. The Board will consider at a future meeting whether to memorialize this resolution by ordinance and what enforcement measures should be taken, if any, to ensure compliance with these limits.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on January 11, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Hannigan, Brown, Spring, Mashburn, and Chair Vasquez

NOES: Supervisors None

EXCUSED: Supervisors None



JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

By 

Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk