REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

August 20, 2024

FROM

PAUL COOK, Vice Chair and First District Supervisor, Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the San Bernardino County Code Relating to Campaign Finance Reform

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1. Consider proposed ordinance relating to campaign finance reform.
- 2. Make alterations, if necessary, to proposed ordinance.
- 3. Approve introduction of the proposed ordinance.
 - An ordinance of San Bernardino County, State of California, to repeal and add Chapter
 43 of Division 2 of Title 1 of the San Bernardino County Code, relating to campaign finance reform.
- 4. SCHEDULE ORDINANCE FOR FINAL ADOPTION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 on the Consent Calendar.

(Presenter: Paul Cook, First District Supervisor, 387-4830)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Improve County Government Operations.

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item may result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Any budget adjustments and request for additional Discretionary General Funding will be presented to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for approval at a later date, if necessary.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

San Bernardino County proposes an amendment to the Campaign Finance Reform ordinance (Ordinance) to enhance transparency in the electoral process.

The proposed amendments to the Ordinance will establish a revised limit on the amount that individuals and entities may contribute to candidates for elective County office and their controlled committees.

The Ordinance establishes the San Bernardino County Campaign Accountability Commission (Commission) that is tasked with enforcement of the Ordinance. The Commission will have nine members. The Board will appoint one member for each supervisorial district upon the recommendation of the board member of that district, and one member recommended by each county-wide elected official: the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator, District Attorney, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector, and Assessor-Recorder.

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PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Cynthia O'Neill, Chief Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on August 14, 2024; Finance (Erika Rodarte, Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on August 14, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on August 15, 2024.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors San Bernardino County

Public Comment: None

DEFERRED/APPROVED

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Jesse Armendarez

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman

Nays: Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: August 20, 2024



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