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**ORDINANCE NO.**

**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.**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 43 of Division 2 to Title 1 of the San Bernardino County Code is amended to read:

**CHAPTER 43: CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

**Sections:**

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5   **12.4301      Name of Chapter.**

6           This Chapter shall be known and cited as the “San Bernardino County Campaign  
7 Finance Reform Ordinance” or the “Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance.”

8   **12.4302      Purpose of the Chapter.**

9           The United States Supreme Court has held that the purpose of a campaign reform  
10 ordinance must be to reduce corruption or the appearance of corruption in the electoral  
11 process, and that corruption in this context means “quid pro quo” corruption, that is, the  
12 contribution of money or resources for political favors. This Chapter does this primarily in  
13 three ways. First, this Chapter establishes a limit on the amount that individuals and  
14 entities may contribute to candidates for elective County office and their controlled  
15 committees. Second, with respect to such elections, this Chapter prohibits the hiding of  
16 the identity of contributors through the making of contributions via intermediaries without  
17 disclosure. Such contributions are attributed to the real contributor and subject to the  
18 contribution limit. Third, with respect to all elections under the jurisdiction of the Registrar  
19 of Voters, this Chapter provides optional electronic filing opportunities, in lieu of paper  
20 filing, for any elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required by the  
21 Political Reform Act to file statements, reports, or other documents with the Registrar of  
22 Voters. All of these requirements are intended to make it more difficult for candidates and  
23 influential individuals and entities to engage in quid pro quo corruption, to make the  
24 financing of campaigns for elective office more transparent, and to make more  
25 information, especially financial information, regarding candidates and their supporters  
26 available to voters.

27   **12.4303      Relationship to the Political Reform Act of 1974.**

28           (a)   The Political Reform Act, as amended and codified, already establishes

1 certain minimum reporting and other requirements for candidates and certain committees  
2 making independent and other expenditures. The Political Reform Act establishes  
3 contribution limits for candidates for State office and for county offices if a county has not  
4 enacted a contribution limit for county offices.

5 (b) Unless a word or term is specifically defined in this Chapter or the contrary  
6 is stated or clearly appears from the context, words and terms shall have the same  
7 meaning as when they are used in the Political Reform Act, as amended and codified,  
8 and in the related regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

9 (c) If any provision of this Chapter prevents any candidate or person from  
10 complying with the Political Reform Act, such provision is preempted by the Political  
11 Reform Act to the extent necessary to bring this Chapter into full compliance therewith.

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13 **12.4304 Definitions.**

14 For the purposes of this Chapter, certain words are defined as follows:

15 **CANDIDATE.** Any individual who is a candidate for Supervisor,  
16 Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator, District Attorney, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax  
17 Collector, Assessor-Recorder, County Superintendent of Schools, or any other elective  
18 County office. Such office would include any elected County offices that have been  
19 consolidated or later separated. The provisions of Government Code Section 82007 shall  
20 also apply to such individual.

21 **COUNTY.** San Bernardino County.

22 **ELECTION.** A primary, general, special, or recall election. Each of these is a  
23 separate election for purposes of this Chapter.

24 **ELECTIVE OFFICER.** An individual who is a Supervisor, Sheriff/Coroner/Public  
25 Administrator, District Attorney, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector, Assessor-  
26 Recorder, County Superintendent of Schools, or holder of any other elective County  
27 office.

28 **ENTITY.** Any person, other than an individual.

1           **INDIVIDUAL.** A human being.

2           **OFFICEHOLDER.** An elective officer.

3           **OFFICEHOLDER ACCOUNT.** The bank account established at a financial  
4 institution located in the State of California pursuant to Section 12.4318.

5           **OFFICEHOLDER CONTROLLED COMMITTEE.** A committee formed pursuant to  
6 Subdivision (c) of Section 12.4318.

7           **OFFICEHOLDER FUNDS.** Money in the officeholder account.

8           **PERSON.** An individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate,  
9 business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee,  
10 and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert.

11           **SPONSORED COMMITTEE.** A committee, other than a controlled committee,  
12 which has one or more sponsors.

13           **SPONSOR.** Any entity that sponsors a committee. A candidate or other individual  
14 may not sponsor a committee. An entity sponsors a committee if any of the following  
15 applies:

16           (a)     The committee receives 80 percent or more of its contributions from the  
17 entity or its members, officers, employees, or shareholders.

18           (b)     The entity collects contributions for the committee by use of payroll  
19 deductions or dues from its members, officers, or employees.

20           (c)     The entity, alone or in combination with other organizations, provides all or  
21 nearly all of the administrative services for the committee.

22           (d)     The entity, alone or in combination with other organizations, sets the  
23 policies for soliciting contributions or making expenditures of committee funds.

24   **12.4305     Contribution Limit.**

25           (a)     Limit on Contributions to a Candidate or a Candidate's Controlled  
26 Committee. A person may not make to a candidate or the candidate's controlled  
27 committee, and a candidate or the candidate's controlled committee may not accept  
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1 from a person, any contribution or contributions totaling more than \$10,000 per calendar  
2 year, except as further provided in this Section.

3 (b) A political party committee may contribute up to \$100,000 to a candidate  
4 per calendar year. A candidate may not accept more than \$100,000 from political party  
5 committees per calendar year.

6 (c) If a candidate does not receive more than 50% of the vote in the primary  
7 election and the candidate's name will appear on the ballot in the general election, the  
8 contribution limits contained in subsection (a) are doubled for that year.

9 (d) Beginning on January 1, 2025, the campaign contribution limits shall be  
10 increased by five (5) percent on January 1 of every odd-numbered year. The adjustment  
11 shall be rounded up to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100) and shall be effective on  
12 January 1 of the odd-numbered year. The Registrar of Voters shall maintain a record of  
13 any increased contribution limits pursuant to this subsection and shall make such record  
14 available to the public and all candidates.

15 (e) Return of Contribution in Excess of Limits.

16 (1) A monetary contribution or contributions that exceed the limits of  
17 Section 12.4305(a)-(d), shall be returned prior to deposit or negotiation, within 14 days of  
18 receipt.

19 (2) Any Contributions returned pursuant to this section shall be deemed  
20 not to have been accepted within the meaning of that provision and are not subject to  
21 review by the San Bernardino County Campaign Accountability Commission.

22 (3) A non-monetary contribution shall be returned by returning to the  
23 contributor, within the deadline specified in Section 12.4305(e)(1), any of the following:  
24 the non-monetary contribution; its monetary equivalent; the monetary amount by which  
25 the value of the non-monetary contribution exceeds the contribution limits of Section  
26 12.4305(a)-(d).

27 (4) Subdivision (e) shall not be construed to authorize the making or  
28 solicitation of any contribution in excess of the contribution limits of Section 12.4305(a)-

1 (d).

2 **12.4306 Contribution Through Intermediary and Disclosure.**

3 With respect to contributions earmarked for a candidate or contributions made to  
4 a candidate through a person acting on behalf of another or acting as the intermediary or  
5 agent of another, the contributors, intermediaries, agents, committees, and recipients of  
6 such contributions shall comply with all disclosure, reporting, and other requirements of  
7 Government Code Sections 84302 and 85704.

8 **12.4307 Aggregation of Contributions.**

9 (a) For purposes of the contribution limit and reporting requirements of this  
10 Chapter, the contributions from certain combinations of individuals and entities must be  
11 added together to determine the total amount that will be treated as made by, and  
12 received from, a single contributor. Such aggregated amount shall not exceed the  
13 contribution limit established under Section 12.4305.

14 (b) Contributions of an Entity Treated as Contributions of an Individual.

15 (1) The contributions of an entity whose contributions are directed and  
16 controlled by an individual shall also be treated as the contributions of the individual.

17 (2) The contributions of an entity whose contributions are directed and  
18 controlled by two or more individuals shall also be treated as the contributions, on a pro  
19 rata basis, of the individuals.

20 (3) The contributions of an entity that is majority-owned by an individual  
21 shall also be treated as the contributions of the individual, unless the entity acts  
22 independently in its decision to make the contributions.

23 (c) Contributions of an Entity Treated as Contributions of Another Entity.

24 (1) The contributions of an entity whose contributions are directed and  
25 controlled by an individual shall also be treated as the contributions of any other entity  
26 whose contributions are directed and controlled by the same individual.

27 (2) The contributions of an entity whose contributions are directed and  
28 controlled by a majority of persons shall also be treated as the contributions of all other

1 entities whose contributions are directed and controlled by the same majority of persons.

2 (3) The contributions of an entity that is majority-owned by a person shall  
3 also be treated as the contributions of all other entities majority owned by the same  
4 person, unless the entity acts independently in its decision to make the contributions.

5 **12.4308 Reasonable Diligence and Disclosure of Aggregated Contributions.**

6 (a) Candidates, their controlled committees and treasurers, and any person  
7 must exercise reasonable diligence to determine whether a particular contribution must  
8 be aggregated with another contribution by operation of any provision of this Chapter or  
9 law.

10 (b) Any person who makes a contribution that is subject to aggregation by  
11 operation of any provision of this Chapter or law shall, at the time of making the  
12 contribution, disclose in writing to the candidate, or to the candidate's controlled  
13 committee, the existence of all other contributions that must be aggregated with such  
14 contribution. This requirement does not relieve the candidate and the candidate's  
15 controlled committee and treasurer of the obligations under Section 12.4308(a) or law.

16 **12.4309 Candidate's Own Contributions; Family Contributions.**

17 (a) Contribution of Candidate's Own Funds. The provisions of Section 12.4305  
18 do not apply to a candidate's contributions of his or her personal funds or community  
19 property to his or her campaign.

20 (b) Contribution of Spouses or Domestic Partners. For purposes of this  
21 Chapter, a single contribution made by both spouses or by both registered domestic  
22 partners shall not be aggregated but shall be divided equally between both spouses or  
23 between both domestic partners.

24 (c) Contribution of Minor. A contribution made by a child less than 18 years of  
25 age is presumed to be a contribution from the parent or guardian of the child. For  
26 contribution tracking purposes, if the parents or guardians of the child are married or have  
27 joint legal custody of child, the contribution shall be divided equally between them. If one  
28 parent or guardian has primary or sole legal custody of the child, then the contribution

1 shall be attributed to that parent or guardian. The committee or candidate accepting a  
2 contribution from a child under the age of 18 shall obtain the information concerning  
3 parental or guardian attribution.

4 **12.4310 Intra-Candidate Transfer of Funds.**

5 (a) A candidate for a non-County office may transfer campaign funds from one  
6 controlled committee for a non-County office to a controlled committee for a County office  
7 for the same candidate. Contributions transferred shall be attributed to specific  
8 contributors using a “last in, first out” or “first in, first out” accounting method, and these  
9 attributed contributions when aggregated with all other contributions from the same  
10 contributor may not exceed the limits set forth in Section 12.4305.

11 (b) Notwithstanding Section 12.4310(a), a candidate for County office may  
12 spend contributions raised in connection with one election to County office to pay  
13 campaign expenditures incurred in connection with a subsequent election for the same  
14 County office.

15 **12.4311 Electronic Filing of Campaign Statements.**

16 (a) This Section applies to any elected officer, candidate, committee, or other  
17 person required by the Political Reform Act to file statements, reports, or other documents  
18 with the Registrar of Voters. This Section is not limited to filings pertaining to elective  
19 County office.

20 (b) Any elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required by the  
21 Political Reform Act to file statements, reports, or other documents required by Chapter  
22 4 (commencing with Section 84100) of the Government Code, has the option to file those  
23 statements, reports, or other documents online or electronically with the Registrar of  
24 Voters.

25 (c) In any instance in which the original statement, report, or other document is  
26 required to be filed with the Secretary of State and a copy of that statement, report, or  
27 other document is required to be filed with the Registrar of Voters, the copy may, but is  
28 not required to be, filed online or electronically.



1 (d) Any statement, report, or other document filed online or electronically  
2 pursuant to this Section is not required to be filed with the Registrar of Voters in paper  
3 format.

4 (e) The Registrar of Voters shall cause to be placed on the County's web site  
5 a copy of each statement, report, or other document within one working day of the  
6 statement, report, or other document being filed with the Registrar of Voters.

7 (f) The County shall comply with all applicable provisions of Government Code  
8 Section 84615.

9 **12.4312 Non-Application to Other Elections.**

10 Non-County Election. In the event a candidate also runs for election for a State,  
11 Federal, city, special district, or other non-County office, the provisions of this Chapter do  
12 not apply to the candidate's campaign for such other office nor to any committee  
13 established solely for the purpose of running for such other office.

14 **12.4313 Maintenance and Access to Records.**

15 (a) Maintenance of Records. Candidates and their controlled committees shall  
16 maintain, for the period of time required in Government Code Section 84104, such  
17 detailed accounts, records, bills, receipts, and other documentation necessary to prepare  
18 campaign statements and to comply with the provisions of this Chapter.

19 (b) Disclosure of Records. Candidates and their controlled committees shall  
20 deliver to the Registrar of Voters and any public entity or official having authority to  
21 implement or enforce this Chapter, upon demand, the documentation and information  
22 described in Subdivision (a) and any other information and documentation sufficient to  
23 allow the determination of whether any provision of this Chapter has been violated.

24 (c) Authorization to Access Records. Candidates and their controlled  
25 committees shall deliver to the Registrar of Voters and any public entity or official having  
26 authority to implement or enforce this Chapter, upon demand, a written authorization  
27 permitting such entity or official to have access to all documentation and information  
28 pertaining to the campaign contribution checking account.

1 **12.4314 San Bernardino County Campaign Accountability Commission**

2 (a) The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors establishes the San  
3 Bernardino County Campaign Accountability Commission (Commission). The  
4 Commission shall consist of nine members. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint one  
5 member for each supervisorial district, who has been recommended and nominated by  
6 the supervisor from that district. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors will appoint one  
7 member who has been recommended and nominated by the Sheriff/Coroner/Public  
8 Administrator, District Attorney, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector, and  
9 Assessor-Recorder.

10 (b) For all nine commissioners, the following applies:

11 (1) Each appointment of a commissioner shall be approved by a majority  
12 of the Board of Supervisors. Each commissioner can be removed by a majority vote of  
13 the Board of Supervisors.

14 (2) Pursuant to San Bernardino County Code Section 12.3701, the  
15 appointment of a commissioner shall expire on the date that the Supervisor,  
16 Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator, District Attorney, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax  
17 Collector, or Assessor-Recorder who recommended the appointment leaves office, while  
18 the underlying term shall continue pursuant to Subdivision (3) below.

19 (3) Each term of office for a commissioner position shall be four years,  
20 commencing on February 1 and ending on January 31 of the fourth succeeding year. The  
21 terms of office for commissioners recommended and nominated by the Second and  
22 Fourth Supervisorial Districts shall expire on January 31, 2027, and on January 31 of  
23 each fourth succeeding year thereafter. The terms of office for commissioners  
24 recommended and nominated by the First, Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts shall  
25 expire on January 31, 2029, and on January 31 of each fourth succeeding year thereafter.  
26 The terms of office for commissioners recommended and nominated by the  
27 Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator, District Attorney, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax  
28 Collector, or Assessor-Recorder shall expire on January 31, 2027, and on January 31 of

1 each fourth succeeding year thereafter.

2 (c) The Commission is responsible for enforcing the San Bernardino County  
3 Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance.

4 (d) All enforcement actions taken by the Commission require a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the  
5 entire Commission. This means a minimum of six out of nine commissioners must vote  
6 in favor of the enforcement action for the enforcement action to be approved. If the  
7 Commission does not have all nine commissioners at a meeting due to either an absence  
8 or a vacancy, all enforcement actions shall still require a minimum of six commissioners  
9 vote in favor of the enforcement action.

10 (e) Commissioners shall receive a stipend in the amount of \$100.00 per  
11 meeting and expense reimbursements pursuant to Section 13.0618(b).

12 (f) Commission meetings shall be open to the public and are subject to the  
13 Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 et seq.).

14 (g) Rules adopted by the Commission for the time, place and conduct of its  
15 meetings shall take effect upon ratification by the Board of Supervisors.

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17 **12.4315 Qualifications of Commissioners**

18 (a) A member of the Commission must be a registered voter in the County.

19 (b) A person shall not be appointed or serve on the Commission if:

20 (1) The person is a County elective officer or a family member, staff  
21 member, or paid campaign staff of a County elective officer. Family member means a  
22 spouse, parent, sibling, child, or in-law. Spouse means a spouse or registered domestic  
23 partner as defined by California Family Code 297.

24 (2) The person has served as a staff member of a County elective officer  
25 in the past four years.

26 (3) The person has served in an elected office or campaigned for an  
27 elected office in the past four years.

28 (4) The person has served as a member of a political party central

1 committee in the past four years.

2 (5) The person has contributed over \$500 in any one year to any  
3 candidate for a County elective office in the past four years.

4 **12.4316 Violations and Enforcement—Administrative.**

5 (a) Any person who, pursuant to an appropriate administrative action, is  
6 determined to have violated any provision of this Chapter, purposely caused any other  
7 person to violate any provision of this Chapter, or aided and abetted any other person in  
8 the violation of any provision of this Chapter, shall be subject to an administrative order  
9 requiring that the person to do all or any of the following:

10 (1) Cease and desist violation of this Chapter;

11 (2) File any reports, statements, or other documents or information  
12 required by this Chapter; and/or

13 (3) Pay a monetary penalty of up to \$1,000.00 per violation.

14 (b) If two or more persons are responsible for any violation of any provision of  
15 this Chapter, then they shall be jointly and severally liable.

16 (c) No administrative action brought alleging a violation of any provision of this  
17 Chapter shall be commenced more than twelve (12) months after the date on which the  
18 violation occurred.

19 **12.4317 Construction.**

20 This Chapter shall be liberally construed to accomplish its purposes.

21 **12.4318 Officeholder Accounts.**

22 (a) Officeholder Account Contribution Limits.

23 (1) No person shall make, and no officeholder shall receive from a  
24 person, a contribution pursuant to this subdivision exceeding the limits stated in Section  
25 12.4305(a) -(d).

26 (2) No officeholder shall receive contributions pursuant to Paragraph (1)  
27 that, in the aggregate, exceed the limits stated in Section 12.4305(a)-(d).

28 (3) Any contribution received pursuant to this Section shall be deemed

1 to be a contribution to that candidate for election to any County office that he or she may  
2 seek during the term of office to which he or she is currently elected, including, but not  
3 limited to, reelection to the office he or she currently holds, and shall be subject to any  
4 applicable contribution limit provided in this Chapter.

5 (b) If an officeholder account is established pursuant to this Section, the  
6 officeholder shall maintain officeholder funds in a single bank account separate from any  
7 other bank account held by the officeholder.

8 (c) Establishing the Officeholder Controlled Committee, Reporting, and  
9 Recordkeeping.

10 (1) Formation. The officeholder shall establish a controlled committee by  
11 filing a statement of organization pursuant to Government Code Section 84101 if the  
12 officeholder receives \$2,000 or more in officeholder contributions in a calendar year. An  
13 officeholder account and an officeholder controlled committee may only be established  
14 after the officeholder closes his or her campaign account and any campaign committee.

15 (2) Committee Name. The controlled committee name shall include the  
16 officeholder's last name, the office held, the year the officeholder was elected to the  
17 current term of office, and the words "Officeholder Account." The statement of  
18 organization shall include the name, account number, and address of the financial  
19 institution where the committee established the officeholder account.

20 (3) Filing Requirements. The controlled committee shall file campaign  
21 statements and reports at the same times and in the same places as it otherwise would  
22 be required to do for any other controlled committee formed by the officeholder for election  
23 to County office.

24 (4) Required Recordkeeping. The officeholder and treasurer shall be  
25 subject to recordkeeping requirements under Section 12.4313.

26 (d) Prohibitions.

27 (1) Officeholder funds may not be contributed or transferred to another  
28 state or local committee, including any other controlled committee of the officeholder,

1 except as permitted in Subdivisions (g)(2) and (g)(3).

2 (2) Officeholders may not use officeholder funds to pay “campaign  
3 expenses” as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18525(a).

4 (3) The officeholder may not transfer or contribute funds from any other  
5 committee he or she controls to the officeholder account, except as permitted in  
6 Subdivision (g)(2) and (g)(3).

7 (e) Contributions to the Officeholder Account.

8 (1) Required Notices. In addition to the requirements of California Code  
9 of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18523.1, a written solicitation for contributions to the  
10 officeholder account shall include the following: “For purposes of the San Bernardino  
11 County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance’s contribution limits, a contribution to an  
12 officeholder account is also considered to be a contribution to all campaign committees  
13 for future elective County office the officeholder seeks during his or her current term of  
14 office.”

15 (2) In addition to the requirements of Subdivision (1) above, an  
16 officeholder who files a statement of intention to be a candidate for any elective County  
17 office during the officeholder’s term of office shall provide notice of this filing to every  
18 person that has made a contribution to his or her officeholder account. The notice shall  
19 contain the language in Subdivision (1) and be transmitted or mailed within ten days of  
20 filing the statement of intention to be a candidate.

21 (3) Cumulation. A contribution to the officeholder account shall also be  
22 deemed a contribution to the officeholder’s controlled committee for election to elective  
23 County office for the purposes of Section 12.4318(a)(3) only under all of the following  
24 circumstances:

25 (A) The contributor makes the contribution between the day the  
26 election was held for the term of office for which the officeholder account was established  
27 and the end of that term of office;

28 (B) The officeholder maintains the controlled committee,

1 established for a future term of elective County office, at any time during the period  
2 covered in Subdivision (A).

3 (4) Multiple Officeholder Accounts. When an officeholder maintains  
4 more than one officeholder account in the same calendar year, he or she may not receive  
5 the following contributions to any of those accounts during that calendar year:

6 (A) Contributions from a single contributor that, when cumulated  
7 for all the accounts, exceed the maximum amount the contributor could give to the  
8 officeholder account having the highest per person contribution limit under Section  
9 12.4305(a)-(d).

10 (B) Contributions from all contributors that, when cumulated for all  
11 the accounts, exceed the maximum amount in total contributions the officeholder could  
12 receive in the officeholder account having the highest aggregate contribution limit under  
13 Section 12.4305(a)-(d).

14 (f) Contributions Over the Limits.

15 (1) An officeholder shall return to the contributor the portion of any contribution  
16 to his or her officeholder account that exceeds the limits of Section 12.4305 or Section  
17 12.4318 (either alone or after cumulation) by the earlier of 14 days of receipt or 14 days  
18 of the date the officeholder files a statement of intention to be a candidate for elective  
19 County office pursuant to Government Code Section 85200.

20 (2) A contributor to the officeholder account does not violate the contribution  
21 limits applying to the officeholder's election to a future elective County office as otherwise  
22 provided under Section 12.4318(a)(3) if, when he or she makes the contribution, the  
23 officeholder has not filed a statement of organization to establish a controlled committee  
24 for election to a future elective County office.

25 (g) Terminating Officeholder Accounts and Committees.

26 (1) The officeholder may not accept contributions after the officeholder's  
27 term of office ends or the date he or she leaves that office, whichever is earlier.

28 (2) The officeholder may redesignate the officeholder account as an

1 officeholder controlled committee for a future term of the same office for purposes of  
2 paying expenses associated with holding the office by amending the statement of  
3 organization for the committee to reflect the redesignation for the future term of office  
4 prior to the date the officer's term of office ends.

5 (3) An officeholder may redesignate officeholder funds in the  
6 redesignated officeholder account as officeholder funds for the new term of office, subject  
7 to the limitations in Subdivision (e)(4).

8 (4) Once the officeholder's term of office ends or he or she leaves that  
9 office, whichever is earlier, the officeholder may only use his or her officeholder funds for  
10 the following purposes:

11 (A) Paying outstanding officeholder expenses.

12 (B) Repaying contributions to contributors to the officeholder  
13 account.

14 (C) Making a donation to a bona fide charitable, educational, civic,  
15 religious, or similar tax-exempt, nonprofit organization, if no substantial part of the  
16 proceeds will have a material financial effect on the officeholder, a member of his or her  
17 immediate family, or his or her committee treasurer.

18 (D) Paying for professional services reasonably required by the  
19 officeholder controlled committee to assist in the performance of its administrative  
20 functions.

21 (E) The officeholder shall terminate the officeholder controlled  
22 committee within 90 days of the date the officer's term of office ends or he or she leaves  
23 that office, whichever is earlier.

24 **12.4319 Effective Date.**

25 The Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance shall be effective on October 11, 2024.  
26 The Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance shall apply only to contributions made to, or  
27 received by, a candidate on or after October 11, 2024. No contribution made to, or  
28 received by, a candidate prior to October 11, 2024, shall be considered whatsoever for



1 purposes of the contribution limit, the aggregation of contributions provision, or any other  
2 requirement of the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance.

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4 SECTION 2. The Board of Supervisors declares that it would have adopted this  
5 ordinance and each section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of it irrespective of the  
6 fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases or portions of it be  
7 declared invalid or unconstitutional. If for any reason any portion of this ordinance is  
8 declared invalid or unconstitutional, then all other provisions of it shall remain valid and  
9 enforceable.

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11 SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of  
12 adoption.

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16 DAWN ROWE, Chair  
17 Board of Supervisors

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19 SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A COPY  
20 OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED  
21 TO THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

22 LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the  
23 Board of Supervisors  
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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
2 ) ss.  
3 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY )

4 I, LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County,  
5 State of California, hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of  
6 said County and State, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at which meeting  
7 were present Supervisors: \_\_\_\_\_

8 and the Clerk, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the following vote, to  
9 wit:

10 AYES: SUPERVISORS:

11 NOES: SUPERVISORS:

12 ABSENT: SUPERVISORS:

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal  
14 of the Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

15 LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the  
16 Board of Supervisors of  
17 San Bernardino County,  
18 State of California

19 \_\_\_\_\_  
20 Deputy

21 Approved as to Form:

22 TOM BUNTON  
23 County Counsel

24 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
25 JOLENA E. GRIDER  
26 Deputy County Counsel

27 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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