

RESOLUTION NO. 26-9544

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA,
ESTABLISHING THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN VOLUNTARY
EXPENDITURE LIMIT AND THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
LIMIT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.130 (Political Campaign Finance Reform Act) of "The Code of the City of Santa Clara, California" (City Code) contains provisions (i) limiting the expenditure of campaign funds by the candidates and (ii) controlling the campaign contributions to candidates for elective office in the City of Santa Clara;

WHEREAS, Section 2.130.160 (Candidate acceptance or rejection of expenditure limits) of the City Code provided for an initial voluntary expenditure limit of \$25,000, but further provided that the \$25,000 limit was to be adjusted for the cost of living prior to each election. The expenditure limit was last adjusted to \$48,290 by the City Council on April 9, 2024;

WHEREAS, Section 2.130.050 (Limits on contributions from persons) of the City Code provided for an initial individual contribution limit of \$500 from any candidate that accepted the voluntary expenditure limit and \$250 for any candidate that did not. The contribution limit was last adjusted to \$660 and \$320, respectively; and

WHEREAS, contribution limits established by City Code shall be adjusted on an annual basis by a percentage equal to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco Bay Area (CPI).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. City Council sets the voluntary expenditure limit for the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election to \$55,890 for citywide based contests and \$29,590 for district based contests.

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2. City Council sets the individual campaign contributions based on CPI adjustments as follows:

- \$760 for candidates who accept the voluntary expenditure limit
- \$380 for candidates who do not accept the voluntary expenditure limit

3. The political campaign voluntary expenditure limit and campaign contribution limits established by Resolution No. 24-9314 (adopted April 9, 2024) are hereby repealed.

4. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Chahal, Cox, Gonzalez, Hardy, Jain, and Park, and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST: 
for BOB O'KEEFE
CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference: None