



COUNCIL AGENDA: June 20, 2023
FILE NO.: 2.10
ITEM: 23-893

Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF UPDATED
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
LIMITS**

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

DATE: May 25, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution approving the updated campaign contribution limits in accordance with San José Municipal Code Section 12.06.210.C.

OUTCOME

Approval of the recommendation will update the campaign contribution limits for the Primary Municipal Election to be held on March 5, 2024 and the General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024.

BACKGROUND

On March 5, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance 30231 amending section 12.06.210 of Title 12 of the San José Municipal Code (SJMC) in response to the movement of the State primary to March of even numbered years. As part of that Ordinance, Section 12.06.210.D directed the City Clerk to recalculate the campaign contribution limits based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Francisco-Oakland-San José area for the month that is at least two hundred and eighty days (280) days before the regularly scheduled primary municipal election and round to the nearest one hundred dollars. Each adjustment period begins with the CPI as reported in December 2010 and the CPI reported for the month that is at least two hundred and eighty days (280) days before the regularly scheduled primary municipal election.

ANALYSIS

On March 30, 2023, the 280th day before the March 5, 2024 election, the City Clerk accessed the currently reported CPI in effect at the Bureau of Labor Statistics:
https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/consumerpriceindex_sanfrancisco.htm. The CPI change is calculated by subtracting the CPI from December 2010 from the current CPI, and dividing to find the percentage change. That percentage change is then applied to the base of \$500.

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CPI Change

<u>CPI for April 2024</u>	<u>338.496</u>
<u>Less CPI for December 2010</u>	<u>227.658</u>
<u>Equals index point change</u>	<u>110.838</u>
<u>Divided by December 2010 CPI</u>	<u>227.658</u>
<u>Equals</u>	<u>48.69 %</u>

Contribution Limits

Base Amount	Base Amt	CPI % Change	Base + CPI Change	Rounded to nearest \$100
Councilmember	\$500	48.69%	\$743.43	\$700
Mayor	\$1000	48.69%	\$1486.86	\$1500

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP

Pursuant to San José Municipal Code 12.06.210.D.3, after the passing of the Resolution, the City Clerk will publish a notice in the paper at least 190 days before the primary municipal election.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This item will be published with the agenda for June 20, 2023 which is publicly available on our website.

COORDINATION

This memo was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

The Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices reviewed the changes to the San Jose Municipal Code Section 12.06.210 on August 8, 2018, but not review the current calculation.

CEQA

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organization & Administrative Activities resulting in no change to the physical environment.

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

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