



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

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

DATE: September 22, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

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

OUTCOME

Approval of the recommendation will update the campaign contribution limits for the Primary Municipal Election to be held on June 7, 2022 and the General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2022.

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 August 31, 2021, the 280th day before the June 7, 2022 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.

CPI Change

<u>CPI for June 2021</u>	<u>309.497</u>
<u>Less CPI for December 2010</u>	<u>227.658</u>
<u>Equals index point change</u>	<u>81.84</u>
<u>Divided by December 2010 CPI</u>	<u>227.658</u>
<u>Equals</u>	<u>35.95%</u>

Contribution Limits

Base Amount	Base Amt	CPI % Change	Base + CPI Change	Rounded to nearest \$100
Councilmember	\$500	35.95%	\$679.74	\$700
Mayor/Post-Election	\$1000	35.95%	\$1359.48	\$1400

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 October 5, 2021 which is publicly available on our website.

COORDINATION

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

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

No Commission input was solicited for this contribution adjustment.

CEQA

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

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Toni J. Taber", with a stylized flourish at the end.

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

For questions please contact Toni J. Taber, City Clerk, at (408) 535-1260.