

**ORDINANCE NO. 1755 (2026 SERIES)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.40.040 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1243 amended Section 84308 of the Political Reform Act, raising the threshold for a conflicted contribution from the previous limit of \$250 to \$500 in (in the aggregate per candidate.)

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a public meeting in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California, on February 3, 2026, for the purpose of considering changes proposed to update the Municipal Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo as follows:

**SECTION 1. Findings.** After considering the meeting minutes and recommendations of the City Clerk and City Attorney and public input and testimony, having considered arguments and authority supporting and opposing modifications to and continuation of the City's campaign regulations, the Council makes and adopts the following findings in support of the regulations adopted herein:

- a) San Luis Obispo is a small and engaged community wherein residents closely follow and scrutinize elections processes and closely monitor the amounts and sources of campaign contributions to individual candidates for elected office.
- b) Based on an evaluation of campaign expenditures in comparable cities, the Council finds the direct contribution limits adopted herein are consistent with those in place in comparable jurisdictions and, notwithstanding the existing limitations or lack thereof in comparable jurisdictions, that the limitations adopted herein would permit candidates to solicit and accept contributions far in excess of historical expenditures by candidates in the City of San Luis Obispo and comparable cities.
- c) The Council has considered and affirms the statement of purpose and intent set forth herein and determines the amended and increased contribution limits adopted herein further and support the stated purpose and intent.

**SECTION 2.** That the following section of the San Luis Municipal Code Chapter 2.40 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**2.40.040 Contribution limitations.**

- A. Contributions by Persons to Candidates and/or Controlled Committees. No person shall make any contribution to a candidate and/or any controlled committee connected with that candidate, with respect to any single election, which would cause the total amount contributed by such person to the candidate and any controlled committee connected with that candidate, when combined, to exceed-five hundred dollars.
- B. Acceptance or Solicitation by Candidates or Controlled Committees. No candidate or controlled committee shall solicit or accept any contribution from any person which would cause the total amount contributed by such person, with respect to any single election, to the candidate and/or any controlled committee connected with that candidate, when combined, to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

**SECTION 3.** Ordinance Number 1733 (2024 Series) is hereby amended and superseded to the extent inconsistent herewith.

**SECTION 4.** A summary of this ordinance, together with the names of Council members voting for and against, shall be published at least five (5) days prior to its final passage, in The New Times, a newspaper published and circulated in this City. This ordinance shall go into effect at the expiration of thirty (30) days after its final passage.

**INTRODUCED** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026, **AND FINALLY ADOPTED** by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 202X, on the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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Mayor Erica A. Stewart

ATTEST:

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Teresa Purrington  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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J. Christine Dietrick  
City Attorney

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Teresa Purrington  
City Clerk