

## RESOLUTION

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING “NO LIMIT” AS THE LIMIT APPLICABLE TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO CITY OFFICES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Carson (“City”) currently does not have established local limits for campaign contributions to candidates for elective City offices; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill No. 571 (“AB 571”) imposes a default campaign contribution limit applicable to cities and counties which have no established local campaign contribution limits, beginning January 1, 2021. The default contribution limit is set at the same amount applicable to certain elected State officials, as that amount is adjusted by the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) pursuant to Government Code Sections 85301 and 83124. The limit, which represents the maximum amount that any one person can contribute to a single candidate in a single election, is \$4,700; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 10202 (which will be automatically repealed on January 1, 2021 pursuant to AB 571) and Government Code Section 85702.5 (which will be effective on January 1, 2021 pursuant to AB 571) permit the City to establish its own campaign contribution limits that are different from what is established by Government Code Sections 85301 and 83124, whether higher or lower, by resolution or ordinance, and the FPPC has opined that a city can establish “no limit” as its limit, and that the same would be recognized by the FPPC as a local limit distinct from and not subject to the state default limits; and

**WHEREAS**, inherent to the cost of election campaigning is the problem of improper influence, real or potential, exercised by campaign contributors over elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the purpose and intent of the City Council in enacting this Resolution to preserve an orderly political forum in which individuals and groups may express themselves effectively; to minimize the improper influence, real or potential, of campaign contributors over the City’s elected officials; to place realistic enforceable limits on the amounts of money that may be contributed to political campaigns in municipal elections for City offices; and to provide full and fair enforcement of all the provisions of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the limits imposed by the State do not adequately consider local factors and unique circumstances found within the City, and could have the potential to unnecessarily limit healthy political discourse and discussion within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council now desires and intends to establish “no limit” as the local limit on campaign contributions to elections for City office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY DETERMINE, ORDER AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby establishes “no limit” as the local limit on the campaign contributions a person may make to a candidate for elective city office, and on the amount of campaign contributions a candidate for elective City office may accept from a person.

**SECTION 3.** The campaign contribution limits established in Section 2 are intended to constitute the City’s campaign contribution limits for the purposes of Government Code § 85702.5(a), such that the limits set in Government Code § 85301(d) do not apply to the City.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

**SECTION 5.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Mayor Albert Robles

**ATTEST:**

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Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney