

1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2 OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 ORDINANCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.62 OF THE FRESNO COUNTY  
6 ORDINANCE CODE PERTAINING TO ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

7 The Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno ordains as follows:

8 **Section 1.** That the Fresno County Ordinance Code Title 2, Chapter 2.62 – Elections  
9 Campaign Contributions is hereby amended by adding new section 2.62.040 to read as follows:

10 “Section 2.62.040 – Campaign Contribution Limits

11 A. This section is adopted pursuant to the authority granted the County in California  
12 Elections Code § 10003 and California Government Code §85702.5 to set campaign  
13 contribution limits for County elective offices.

14 B. “Person” as used in this section shall mean an individual, proprietorship, firm,  
15 partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability  
16 company, association, committee, labor union or organization, and any other organization or  
17 group of persons acting in concert.

18 C. “Election” means any primary, general, special or recall election held in this state.  
19 The primary and general or special elections are separate elections for purposes of this section.

20 D. No person shall contribute an amount greater than thirty thousand dollars  
21 (\$30,000) to any candidate for any County of Fresno elective office per election.

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1 **Section 2:** That section 2.62.055 of Fresno County Ordinance Code Chapter 2.62 is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 “2.62.055 – Penalty for violation.

4 A. Knowingly and willfully violating any provision of this chapter regarding the  
5 reporting of campaign contributions constitutes an infraction.

6 B. Knowingly and willfully converting campaign contributions to a nonpolitical  
7 personal use constitutes a misdemeanor which in addition to other penalties provided by law is  
8 punishable by a fine of up to the greater of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or three times the  
9 amount converted to personal use.

10 C. A person who knowingly and willfully makes or causes to be made a campaign  
11 contribution to a candidate for a County of Fresno elective office in excess of the limit provided  
12 in Section 2.62.040 of this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to one  
13 thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

14 D. A candidate for a County of Fresno elective office who knowingly and willfully  
15 obtains or receives a campaign contribution in excess of the limit provided in Section 2.62.040  
16 of this Chapter and fails to return the excess amount of the contribution over the limit provided in  
17 Section 2.62.040 to the contributor within a reasonable time is guilty of a misdemeanor  
18 punishable by a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for up to six  
19 months, or both.”

20 **Section 3:** This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage.

21 THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of  
22 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, to wit:

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ERNEST "BUDDY" MENDES  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:  
BERNICE E. SEIDEL, CLERK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By \_\_\_\_\_