



City of
Laguna Woods

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REGULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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I. INTRODUCTION

In December 2000, the Laguna Woods City Council unanimously adopted a \$250 campaign contribution limit from any individual to any City Council candidate, or to any candidate-controlled committee for any City Council candidate, in any single election. The campaign contribution limit is codified as Laguna Woods Municipal Code Chapter 1.14 and copied below for ease of reference.

CHAPTER 1.14. - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS¹

Sec. 1.14.010. - Purpose and intent.

The purpose and intent of this chapter is to prevent corruption and the appearance of corruption in City Council candidate's electoral campaigns that can arise where unlimited contributions may be made to candidates for election to the City Council. In furtherance of that goal, a reasonable campaign contribution limitation is hereby enacted that is similar to those enacted by other communities that are similar to Laguna Woods. In those communities, such limitations have not inhibited City Council candidates' ability to conduct meaningful and effective campaigns, but they have limited the appearance and incidents of corruption that have been experienced.

Sec. 1.14.020. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(05) Contribution means any payment made for political purposes for which full and adequate consideration is not made to the donor.

(1) A contribution includes:

a. Any goods or services received by or requested by a City Council candidate at no charge or at a discount from the fair market value, unless the discount is given in the regular course of business to members of the public.

b. Cash.

c. A loan or an extension of credit for more than 30 days, other than loans from financial

¹ State Law reference— Municipal authority to limit campaign contributions in municipal elections, Elections Code § 10202, Government Code § 85703; limitations on contributions, Government Code § 85100 et seq.

institutions given in the normal course of business.

(2) Payment made for political purposes is a payment made:

a. For the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of the voters for or against the nomination or election of a City Council candidate; or

b. Received by or made at the request of a City Council candidate.

(3) Payments for communications to members, employees, shareholders, or families of members, employees, or shareholders of an organization for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or a ballot measure are not contributions, provided those payments are not made for general public advertising such as broadcasting, billboards, and newspaper advertisements.

(10) City Council candidate means an individual who is listed on the ballot or who has qualified to have write-in votes on his behalf counted by election Officials, for nomination for or election to the Laguna Woods City Council, or who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure or gives his consent for any other person² to receive a contribution or make an expenditure with a view to bringing about his nomination or election to the Laguna Woods City Council, whether or not he has announced his candidacy or filed a declaration of candidacy at such time. The term “candidate” also includes any City Councilmember who is the subject of a recall election. An individual who becomes a candidate for the Laguna Woods City Council shall retain his status as a candidate until such time as that status is terminated pursuant to Government Code § 84214.

Sec. 1.14.030. - Single-election limit.

No person may contribute more than \$250.00 to any candidate for office in the City or to any candidate controlled committee for a candidate for office in the City in any single election. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a candidate's contribution of his/her personal funds, community property funds or domestic partnership funds to his/her own campaign committee, but shall apply to separate property contributions from the candidate's spouse or domestic partner.

In addition, California Government Code Section 84308 (“Levine Act”) restricts campaign contributions of more than \$250 made to members of the City Council by parties to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before the City Council, both during the proceeding and for 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered in the proceeding. The Levine Act also requires public disclosure when a member of the City Council has received a campaign contribution of more than \$250 from parties to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before the City Council within the 12 months preceding the rendering any decision in the proceeding.

The names of current and former members of the City Council may be obtained from the City of Laguna Woods’ City Clerk’s Office. Emailed inquiries should be directed to cityhall@cityoflagunawoods.org.

² Laguna Woods Municipal Code Section 1.02.020(150) defines “person,” for the purpose of Laguna Woods Municipal Code Chapter 1.14 as “any human being, any governmental or political subdivision or public agency, any public or private corporation, any partnership, any firm, association or other organization, any receiver, trustee, assignee, agent, or other legal representative of any of the foregoing or any other legal entity.”

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Campaign contributions for any single election that require disclosure under California Government Code Section 84308 (“Levine Act”) would constitute violations of the City of Laguna Woods’ campaign contribution limit codified at Laguna Woods Municipal Code Chapter 1.14.

The maximum amount that any person may contribute to a City Council candidate, or any candidate controlled committee for a City Council candidate, for any single election, is \$250.

This Campaign Contribution Regulations Acknowledgement is required for all planning projects.

II. PROJECT INFORMATION (MUST MATCH “LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION”)

1) Project Address: _____

2) Assessor’s Parcel Number(s): _____

III. TYPE OF PERMIT(S) (MUST MATCH “LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION;” MAY ABBREVIATE)

IV. APPLICANT INFORMATION (MUST MATCH “LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION”)

1) Applicant’s Legal Name: _____

2) Applicant’s Firm’s Name (if applicable): _____

3) Submitting on Behalf of: Self/Employer Client: _____

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have received, read, understand, had an opportunity to consult with legal counsel, and agree to abide by the provisions of Laguna Woods Municipal Chapter 1.14. I further acknowledge that I am aware of the provisions of California Government Code Section 84308.

Signature of Applicant identified in Line IV(#1) above: _____

Date Signed by Applicant identified in Line IV(#1) above: _____