

ORDINANCE NO. 23-O-2883

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FOR CANDIDATES WHO ACCEPT THE VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING FOR CITY ELECTIONS AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING FOR CITY ELECTIONS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby amends and restates paragraph A of Section 1-8-3 (“CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS”) of Chapter 8 (“CITY ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE LIMIT AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS”) of Title 1 (“GENERAL PROVISIONS”) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

“1-8-3: CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS:

A. Limits On Contributions By Persons And Committees:

1. Except as provided in this section and section 1-8-4 of this chapter, no person or committee shall make to any candidate, including the controlled committee of such candidate, a contribution in excess of one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) for any single election at which the candidate is attempting to be, or is, on the ballot. Additionally, no candidate or candidate's controlled committee shall solicit or accept any contribution that will cause the amount contributed by the contributor to the candidate or the candidate's controlled committee to exceed one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) for any single election at which the candidate is attempting to be, or is, on the ballot.

2. Notwithstanding subsection A.1 of this section, if a candidate accepts the voluntary expenditure ceiling established by section 1-8-4 of this chapter, no person or committee shall make to any such candidate, including the controlled committee of such candidate, a contribution in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for any single election at which the candidate is attempting to be, or is, on the ballot. Additionally, no candidate or candidate's controlled committee shall solicit or accept any contribution that will cause the amount contributed by the contributor to the candidate or the candidate's controlled committee to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for any single election at which the candidate is attempting to be, or is, on the ballot.

3. The City Council may, by resolution, adjust the contribution limit established in this subsection A in October of every odd numbered year to reflect any increase or decrease in the California consumer price index since the last such adjustment of the contribution limit. Such adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest ten-dollar (\$10.00) amount.

4. The limitations of this subsection A shall not apply to contributions of a candidate's personal funds to his or her controlled campaign committee on behalf of his or her own candidacy, and shall apply to contributions from the candidate's spouse.”

Section 2. The City Council hereby amends and restates Subdivision A of section 1-8-4 (“ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING”) of Chapter 8 (“CITY ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE LIMIT AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS”) of Title 1 (“GENERAL PROVISIONS”) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

1-8-4. ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING

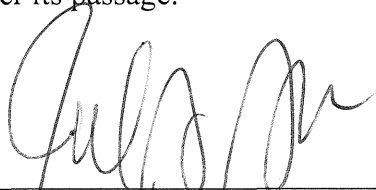
“A. A voluntary expenditure ceiling is hereby established for each election for City elective office in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). As used in this section, the term “City elective office” shall mean the offices of members of the City Council and City Treasurer. This section shall not apply in recall elections.”

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and the City Clerk’s certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.


Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Adopted: October 17, 2023
Effective: November 17, 2023



JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D.
Mayor

ATTEST:



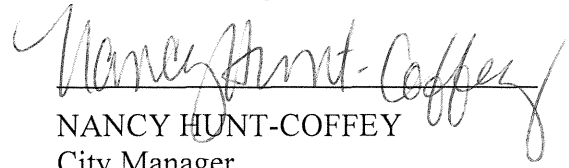
HUMA AHMED
City Clerk

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City Attorney

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NANCY HUNT-COFFEY
City Manager