

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6590

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 6027 TO DECREASE THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 85702.5

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2021, the passage of Assembly Bill 571 (“AB 571”) imposed a default campaign contribution limit as set forth in Government Code Section 85301 (“Default Limit”) and other campaign regulations upon cities and counties without campaign contribution limits, but further authorized counties and cities to establish their own campaign contribution limits for their elective offices. That is, Government Code Section 85702.5 permits cities to establish their own campaign contribution limits that are different from the Default Limit by resolution or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, the City adopted Resolution No. 6027 (“Resolution No. 6027”), imposing its own campaign contribution limit that is different from the Default Limit, pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code Section 85702.5 (“Resolution No. 6027”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to review the City’s current campaign contribution limit pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code Section 85702.5 and amend Resolution No. 6027; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of the City Council to minimize the improper influence, real or potential, of campaign contributors over elected officials, to ensure that individuals and interest groups continue to have a fair and equal opportunity to participate in electing candidates for City Elective Office, to maintain public trust and confidence in governmental institutions and the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to preserve an orderly political forum, promote diversity among candidates, and strengthen the community’s trust that their government is representative; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council that this Resolution remain in compliance with the free speech clauses of the United States and California Constitutions and the decisional law by the federal and state courts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires and intends to review the City’s current campaign contribution limit and adopt a lower campaign contribution limit pursuant to Government Code Section 85702.5 such that AB 571’s contribution limits and other campaign regulations, including any related regulations adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are inapplicable to the City to the fullest extent permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution serves to amend Resolution No. 6027 as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The City Council finds the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Resolution No. 6027. Except as amended herein, Resolution No. 6027 remains in full force and effect as of its original date of adoption.

Section 3. Campaign Contribution Limit. Section 5 (a) and (b) of Resolution No. 6027 is hereby amended so that it reads as follows:

(A) No person shall make to a candidate for city elective office, or to a controlled committee of that candidate, a campaign contribution totaling more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per election.

(B) No candidate for city elective office, nor a controlled committee of that candidate, shall accept from a person a campaign contribution totaling more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per election.

Section 4. Application of State Laws. Nothing in this Resolution shall be deemed to exempt any person from complying with applicable provisions of any other laws of this state, including, but not limited to, the limitations contained within the Political Reform Act.

Section 5. Severability. If any subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Resolution or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declare that they would have passed each subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 7. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify as to the passage and adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED this 28th day of January, 2025.

Mayor, Michael M. Vargas

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Nancy Salazar

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Nancy Salazar, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 6590 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting of said Council on the 28th day of January, 2025, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: NAVA, CORONA, VALLEJO

NOES: RABB, VARGAS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

City Clerk, Nancy Salazar