



# CITY OF SANTA ANA

## CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS & DISQUALIFICATION PROVISIONS

### QUICK REFERENCE

MAXIMUM CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION = \$1,000 in an Election Cycle (election date to next election date).

MUST ABSTAIN if receive \$250 or more in the 12-months immediately preceding date of a decision (by either the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and/or Santa Ana Finance Authority).

CANNOT ACCEPT \$250 or more from any person for a period of 3-months following the date of a final decision regarding a license, permit or other entitlement if person had a financial interest in the proceeding.

### Charter Provisions

#### Sec. 425. - Disqualification due to campaign contributions.

A councilmember shall not participate in, nor use his or her official position to influence, a decision of the City Council if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect, apart from its effect on the public generally or a significant portion thereof, on a recent major campaign contributor. As used herein, "recent major campaign contributor" means a person who has made campaign contributions totaling two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or more to the councilmember or to any campaign committee controlled by the councilmember in the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date of the decision. The mayor is a councilmember for purposes of this section.

(Ord. No. NS-2170, § 1, 7-20-92, approved at election 11-3-92)

#### Sec. 1206. - Campaign contribution limitation.

No person shall make, and no candidate for mayor or City Council or campaign treasurer shall solicit or accept, any contribution or loan which would cause the total amount contributed or loaned by that person to that candidate, including contributions or loans to all committees controlled by that candidate, to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in any election cycle; provided, however, that the City Council may, by ordinance, adjust such limit to reflect changes in the

consumer price index; and provided further that nothing herein shall apply to a candidate's contribution of his or her personal funds to his or her own campaign contribution account. As used herein, "election cycle" means the period of time between the date of an election to the office of mayor or councilmember and the date of the next election to the same office.

### **Municipal Code Section**

#### **Sec. 2-107. - Prohibited campaign contributions.**

No councilmember or any campaign committee controlled by the councilmember shall solicit or accept any campaign contribution or loan of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or more from any person for a period of three (3) months following the date a final decision is rendered in any proceeding before the council involving a license, permit, or other entitlement, if the councilmember knows or has reason to know that the person had a financial interest in the proceeding. Financial interest, for purposes of this section, shall have the meaning it is defined to have in Title 9 of the California Government Code (the Political Reform Act). The mayor is a councilmember for purposes of this section. (Ord. No. NS-2304, § 1, 11-18-96)