

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.20 OF TITLE 2 OF THE MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO LIMITS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR CITY ELECTIVE OFFICE

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 85301(d) establishes a default state campaign contribution limit per election to city candidates; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 85702.5(a) permits local agencies to adopt additional campaign contribution restrictions that are different from the limit set forth in section 85301(d); and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 85702.5(b) permits a local agency to adopt enforcement standards for a violation of a limit established by 85702.5(a), which may include administrative, civil, or criminal penalties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 81013 and Elections Code Section 10202, a local agency may impose contribution limits and other regulations in addition to those imposed by state law, provided that they do not prevent any person from complying with state law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monrovia does not have a local campaign contribution ordinance and local candidates currently are subject to the state campaign contribution limit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monrovia wishes to eliminate the possibility of corruption or the appearance of corruption in local elections, arising as a result of disproportionately large political contributions, whether cash or in-kind; and finds that the limits imposed herein are the least restrictive necessary to accomplish this goal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monrovia intends to eliminate corrupting political contributions in City election campaigns.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.20.060 of Chapter 2.20 of Title 2 is hereby added to the Monrovia Municipal Code, to read as follows:

“§ 2.20.060 LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN CITY ELECTIONS

(a) In place of the limit set forth in Government Code Section 85301(d), no person or committee shall make to any candidate, including the controlled committee of such candidate, a contribution in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) either cash or in-kind, for any single election at which the candidate is attempting

to be, or is, on the ballot. No candidate or any committee controlled by the candidate shall solicit or accept any contribution that will cause the amount contributed by the contributor to the candidate or the controlled committee to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any single election at which the candidate is attempting to be, or is, on the ballot.

(b) The limitations of this Section 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, but shall apply to contributions from the candidate's spouse, or from the candidate to another candidate for City elective office.

(c) No person shall make a contribution in the name of another.

(d) No person shall reimburse, pay in advance, or otherwise compensate another person for a contribution made.

(e) No person shall knowingly take any action with the intent of evading the contribution limits imposed by this Section or concealing violations of this Section.

(f) Candidates with existing campaign accounts from a prior election for any office, whether local, state or federal, shall open a new account for the next City election in which they are or will be a candidate. The candidate shall not contribute more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from the prior campaign account into the new campaign account.

(g) Except as otherwise provided here, the terms and provisions of this Section shall have the meanings and shall be interpreted in accordance with the applicable definitions and provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974, as amended (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) and the regulations of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, as amended.

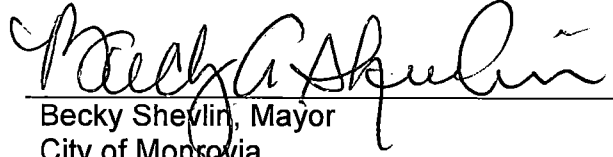
(1) *Candidate* means any person who is a candidate for any elective office of the City of Monrovia, or the holder of any elective City office whether or not such officer is a candidate for re-election."

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each and every section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

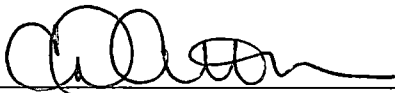
Section 3. As an ordinance relating to an election, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause it to be published according to applicable law.

INTRODUCED this 15th day of April, 2025.


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.


Becky Shevlin, Mayor
City of Monrovia

ATTEST:


Alice D. Atkins, MMC, City Clerk
City of Monrovia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Craig Steele, City Attorney
City of Monrovia

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) §
CITY OF MONROVIA)

I, ALICE D. ATKINS, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Monrovia, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-04; It has been published pursuant to law; was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the Monrovia City Council on the 6th, day of May, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Belden, Jiménez, Spicer, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kelly, Mayor Shevlin

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:



Alice D. Atkins, MMC, City Clerk
City of Monrovia

