

From: [Alan Garner](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: County Supervisor Campaign Contribution Limits (Support Repeal)
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:09:51 PM

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I support the proposed repeal of the local ordinance that limits campaign contributions for County Supervisors to \$750 which is no longer needed since state limits apply to local candidates.

Thank you,
Alan Garner
51 Calle Escalon
Camarillo, CA 93010

Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Alessandro Neri and I am the President of the United Democrats for Progress of Ventura County. I am contacting the Board of Supervisors to express my outrage concerning the proposed increase of campaign limits from \$750 to \$5,500. If this proposal is passed, it will be detrimental for underrepresented communities throughout the county. People of color and those of a lower socioeconomic status are underrepresented in Ventura County. However, it seems the majority on the Board of Supervisors are not interested in representing all their constituents, but only a select few. Bias, self-interest, and being beholden to those who heavily funded current Board of Supervisors campaigns in 2022 and the proposal currently on the table has proven what so many tried to prevent from happening.

Thousand Oaks is the most underrepresented city in the county, as it pertains to people of color and those of a lower socioeconomic status and as voters/citizens of the county/state/country they have a right to choose candidates that are willing to stand up for them and not just a select few. Unfortunately, these types of candidates will not accept big money or be indebted to anyone. Therefore, I am urging all Supervisors to do the right thing and vote "No" on the excessive increase on campaign limits and let it remain at \$750. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alessandro Neri

From: [Alex Magdaleno](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Campaign limits
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 8:22:31 AM

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HI, I am vehemently opposed to any change in out campaign contribution limits.
Thanks
Alex Magdaleno
71 Lori Ln, Camarillo, CA 93010.

From: [AMY REED](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#); [LaVere, Matt](#); [Long, Kelly](#); [Supervisor Gorell](#); [Supervisor Parvin](#); [Lopez, Vianey](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:10:40 PM

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15 March, 2023
Subject: Agenda Item #44

Dear Board of Supervisors Members and Clerk of the Board ,

My name is Amy Elias Reed, a resident of Newbury Park in District #2. I am writing to express my strong opposition to repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance. To change the campaign contribution for individuals from \$750 to \$5,500 would eliminate the majority of Ventura County's residents from participating fully in our local elections. This change would not allow the small donor to have an equal voice in the electoral system, as most of the residents in this county could not afford to contribute as much as special interest groups. The current ordinance incentivizes candidates to run a grassroots campaign with the public's interests and concerns as a top priority. Please keep this incentive alive.

The voice of the people is what makes a democracy.
Do not vote to deny us our voice. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Amy Elias Reed

From: [Andrea Friedman](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Keep Big money out of politics
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 11:40:21 AM

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To the Clerk of the Board and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed resolution under item 44, which seeks to repeal the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance. Since its enactment in 2003, this ordinance has been successful in ensuring that our local elections remain free from the undue influence of money and special interests. By incentivizing candidates to run grassroots campaigns that prioritize the public's interests, the ordinance has helped to maintain the integrity of our local elections. Repealing this ordinance would create a scenario where corporate interests and individual donors with more resources than the general public could easily sway the outcomes of our local elections. I urge you to reconsider this proposal and keep the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance in place to ensure that our elections remain honest, transparent, and fair.

Thank you for your attention and for protecting fair elections and reporting.

Sincerely,

Andrea Friedman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Anne Baldinger](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Campaign Finance
Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023 7:14:08 PM

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To our supervisors:

Please do not raise the limit on campaign donations!

The current \$750 limit per individual is high enough, or even too high as it stands now. A married couple can donate \$ 1500 under the present rules.

Raising the limit to \$5500 (\$11,000 per couple) would mean that only the most privileged and wealthy people would have the most clout in our politics and local decisions.

Don't let Ventura County go in the wrong direction...there should be less money in politics, not more.

Thank you,
Anne Baldinger
Oxnard

From: [Mary Poppins](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Contribution limits
Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023 5:51:12 PM

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Hello, I'm writing to voice my concern over a proposed change/increase in political contribution limits. I believe limits should stay as they are and that increasing contribution limits is a sure way to promote corruption within our system. I do not support an increase in limits.

Thanks,

From: [Bruce Schoppe](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:12:44 PM

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I strongly oppose repeal of Ventura County's campaign finance laws.

Expanding the influence of big money would allow developers and others greater influence and present a serious threat to SOAR.

We do not want to see Ventura County become like Orange County or the SanFernando Valley.

We appreciate the open spaces and agricultural land that makes the county a great place to live,

Sincerely

Bruce Schoppe
4875 Mascagni Street
Ventura, CA 93003
photobruce1@gmail.com

From: [Cameron Egan](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:29:20 PM

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Oh for heaven's sake! That this change to election financing is wrong should be obvious to everyone—except those who will quickly reward their big donors with bad laws. Please use common sense to block this power grab by Gorell and Parvin!

~Cameron Egan, Camarilli

Sent from my iPhone

From: [claraannphotographer](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: contribution limits increase against
Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023 6:55:32 PM

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Increasing contribution limits from the \$750 local limit to the \$5,500 statewide limit I do not believe is in the best interest of the ventura county population. Small contribution limits keep the population more involved in the political process. We all agree that anything that decreases the population involvement in election is not good for the entire population. Increasing money in political process only helps a small percentage of the population.

Do not increase the contribution to 5,000.

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Clara & Steve Kelley

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From: [Colette Slattery](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: oppose change to finance campaign orderence
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 6:53:10 AM

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Hello - I am opposing any change that allows larger financial donation

Thank you
Colette Slattery
135 Pacos St.

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From: [Cyn](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: VOTE DOWN
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:52:40 PM

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Vote against campaign contribution changes to the current campaign finance ordinance. Big money, dark money, and a handful of wealthy donors and corporations CANNOT dominate electoral giving. Support the voter, not the money.

Cynthia Ellington
Voter
237 N Ann St
Ventura.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dan Silver](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Item 44, March 14, 2023 - OPPOSITION
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:42:12 PM

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March 13, 2023

RE: Item 44, Repealing the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance - *OPPOSE*

Dear Chair and Board Members:

Endangered Habitats League (EHL) strongly opposes the repeal of this essential ordinance. For your reference, EHL is a Southern California regional conservation group which has participated in County matters. We are dedicated to collaborative resolution of environmental-economic conflicts.

The Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance is much stronger and more effective than default state limits. It safeguards the public interest from financial interests for whom influencing elected officials is simply a cost of doing business. A repeal would put regular citizens at an insurmountable disadvantage.

Please keep the playing field level.

Sincerely,
Dan Silver

Dan Silver, Executive Director
Endangered Habitats League
8424 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite A 592
Los Angeles, CA 90069-4267

213-804-2750

dsilverla@me.com

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From: [Dan Knisely](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Increase from \$750.00 to \$5000.00 is a big mistake ! This is opposed by me and my wife !Daniel & Joan Knisely.
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:41:57 PM

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From: [David Murphy](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Repeal
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 11:41:58 AM

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March 13, 2023

We are writing in opposition to the proposed Repeal of the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance. The intention of the Ordinance put in place in April of 2017 as stated was to "reduce the appearance of corruption, and to prevent individuals or organizations from using their financial strength to corrupt Ventura County government by creating political debts through contributions or expenditures that allow them to control or unduly influence elected officials.."

This proposal by two current Supervisors, suggests we change the current maximum level of \$750.00 to the State level of \$5500.00 per individual per candidates election cycle. The basic reasons stated are that Ventura County do what other counties are doing and that there has been a cost-of-living increase.

We suggest that for most working-class people, a high per centage of Ventura County workers/voters, Policemen, Teachers, Construction Workers, Firemen, Retail Workers, etc. \$5500.00 per person is a very large amount to donate compared to their income. This would mean residents of great wealth would have the ability to donate a large percentage of money to local campaigns, certainly raising questions of influence.

Candidates for county offices have been able to raise large amounts of money under current restrictions. Supervisor Gorell raised over \$210,000 according to the Ventura Star in the last election. As stated in the proposal, this does not include other forms of campaign money, weather it be from the candidates own money or other political organizations. Candidate Parvin even had political ads on television.

For the sake of transparency and the idea that all citizens have an equal voice in government, especially at the local level, we request The Board reject this proposal.

Sincerely,
David Murphy
Janet Murphy
Moorpark Residents

From: [Debbie Mitchell](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Cc: [Debbie Mitchell](#)
Subject: Public Comments:Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of an Ordinance of the County of Ventura Repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance.
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:07:24 PM

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First Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of an Ordinance of the County of Ventura Repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance.
(Supervisor Gorell and Supervisor Parvin - 10 Minutes)

Please preserve public trust in the balance of representation.

Please do NOT repeal the contribution limits!

According to foodshare 1 in 6 people in Ventura are struggling with food insecurity.
PLEASE recognize the importance of making opportunities for ALL a priority!

Please maintain that even a small contribution can still make a difference in Ventura County.

The original purpose of the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance, as adopted in 2003 in Ordinance No. 4280, was to

- **promote public trust,**
- **reduce the appearance of corruption.**
- **prevent individuals or organizations from using their financial strength to corrupt Ventura County government by creating political debts through contributions or expenditures that allow them to control or unduly influence elected officials."**

Debbie Mitchell
1-310-804-2382
debbiem@companyv.com

From: [Deborah Faneros](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 44: Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:25:17 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed resolution under item 44, which seeks to repeal the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance. As a concerned citizen, I believe that this ordinance has been instrumental in ensuring that special interests and money do not unduly influence our local elections since its inception in 2003. With its emphasis on grassroots campaigning and **prioritizing the public's interests and concerns**, the ordinance has fostered a culture of transparency and fairness in our local elections. **I urge you to keep the ordinance in place to prevent the influence of corporate interests and individual donors with greater resources than the general public from swaying the outcomes of our local elections.**

Thank you for your attention and for protecting fair elections and reporting.

Sincerely,

Deborah Faneros

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From: [Floyd Richards](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:31:25 PM

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I subscribe to Steve Bennett's arguments, opposing Item 44.

Floyd Richards
165 E Fiesta Green, Port Hueneme, CA 93041

From: [Frances Lee](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:22:29 PM

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I would like to make a comment on Item 44, that will increase the campaign contributions from \$750 to \$5500.

My question is, why would we change a limit, that allows the voices of the many to be drowned out by the money of the few, in Ventura County? That is already happening with big money interests in our county and this would only extend it to our local elections. The arguments of Jeff Gorell and Janice Parvin do not hold water, that there is already a state law in place or that there are timelines of voting in place. Redundancy is needed in politics, otherwise, protections can be rolled back easily and politics can be timed so that voting by BOS can still take place.

It is obvious that these two Supervisors want to change this ordinance to make it easier for big developers or wealthy interests to come in with plans that the locals object to, but their voice is diminished. We hope to make our voices heard at the ballot box, only to find big money has fixed things there too.

I say NO to this ordinance change.

Frances Lee
Moorpark, CA

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Gale Alcorn](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Keep Special Interests and Big Money Out Of Ventura County
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:10:40 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the resolution under item 44, which seeks to repeal the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance. This ordinance has been successful in preventing the undue influence of special interests and money in our local elections since 2003.

The repeal of this ordinance will only serve to allow wealthy donors and corporate interests to sway our local politics, jeopardizing the integrity of our democratic process. As a voter and a resident of Ventura County, I urge you to keep the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance in place, or at least revise it with more Board discussion to ensure transparency and fairness in our local elections.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.
- Gale Fernow, Thousand Oaks, CA

From: [gloria dreyfuss](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#); [gloria dreyfuss](#); [Supervisor Gorell](#); [moorparkparvin@gmail.com](#)
Subject: Campaign contribution limits
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:14:57 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today as a concerned resident of Ventura County. I am urging Supervisors Jeff Gorell and Janice Parvin to keep the current law requiring campaign contributions to be limited to \$750.00. Do not vote to repeal the current law and raise the limit for an individual to \$5,500. It is extremely important to keep the average Ventura county residents' voice heard. Also, the restriction of waiting 12 months between receiving a contribution and voting on a project is unbelievably self serving. One year is nothing for a developer/business to wait to get a project approved.

Sincerely,
Gloria Dreyfuss

Sent from myMail for iOS

From: [Hilary Dessouky](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: in favor of campaign contribution limit law
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 8:16:09 AM

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Please vote “NO” and save this law.

<https://www.vcstar.com/story/opinion/2023/03/11/gorell-parvin-trying-to-eliminate-campaign-contribution-limit-law/69997540007/>

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From: [Law Offices of Jack A. Draper, P.C.](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Removal of Campaign \$750 Donations Limit
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 11:36:33 AM
Importance: High

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Dear Supervisors:

We as Oxnard residents strongly oppose the efforts of Supervisors Parvin and Gorell to eliminate the important Ventura County campaign donations limit of \$750! It will lead to big money controlling our local government and possible undue influence and corruption. We urge the Board to defeat this transparent and blatant move to let Big Money influence back into our local politics!

Sincerely,
Jack A. Draper
Nancy A. Draper

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From: [Jim Jackson](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: AGAINST eliminating county finance ordinance
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:40:38 PM

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Supervisors:

I encourage you to vote AGAINST the proposal to eliminate the county's campaign finance ordinance and all of its protections. Keep contribution limits to \$750.00 and eliminate big money influence in Ventura County.

Respectfully,

James L. Jackson
Susan V.M. Jackson

From: [Jason Siegert](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: RE: I Oppose Eliminating the Campaign Contribution Limit Law! - Agenda Item #44.
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:24:36 PM

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Agenda Item #44.

From: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 11:57 AM
To: Jason Siegert <JSiegert@toaks.org>
Subject: RE: I Oppose Eliminating the Campaign Contribution Limit Law!

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Good morning,

To be included in the record, please provide the agenda item number.

Thank you,

Lori

From: Jason Siegert <JSiegert@toaks.org>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 11:56 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: I Oppose Eliminating the Campaign Contribution Limit Law!

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As a resident of Ventura County, I oppose eliminating the County's campaign finance ordinance.
Keep Big Money out of local government.

Sincerely,
-Jason Siegert

From: [Jennifer Queen](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Contribution cap
Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023 1:52:28 PM

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Dear County Clerk, I absolutely oppose raising the contribution to political campaigns cap. Raising this cap doesn't help the average voter/citizen. It will only 'help' big donors and big corporations. I don't want my local elected officials bought and paid for by big business and a few wealthy donors.

Thank you,
Jen Hall 93003

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jerry Schrum](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Repeal of campaign funding law
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 10:24:33 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly request that you retain the current campaign funding limits of \$750. Democracy depends on free & fair elections & large donations from special interests are antithetical to the very concept of democracy! It's no secret that money can buy elections & laws that are not in the public interest.

Please vote against this assault on our county governmental process!

Jerry Schrum
2997 Patina Ct, Camarillo, CA 93010

From: jillgeo@roadrunner.com
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Campaign finance
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 10:39:44 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I strongly oppose increasing the maximum campaign contribution limit to over \$750. Why? Believe it or not, \$750 is already an amount that is out of reach for most Ventura County residents. We need to do all we can to make sure the voices of the citizens matter more than the voices of large donors. Candidates without big money backers need to have a chance. That is part of what makes Ventura County special and we need to maintain our current campaign finance laws to keep it that way.

Best regards,

Jill George
Ventura, CA

From: [Joyce Miller](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: County Supervisor campaign donations
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:53:21 PM

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To Who. It may concern,

I am a long time resident of Westlake Village and I am writing to let you know I am extremely upset about the proposal to raise the campaign donation limits for County Supervisor. This reeks of dark money contributors' attempts to buy politicians. We have enough of this filth at the federal level. Please help turn down this proposal.

Joyce Miller

Westlake Village

Sent from my iPad

From: [Judy Alexandre](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: campaign finance
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:11:24 PM

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To Matt La Vere, Chair of the board of Supervisors and all Supervisors,
I am strongly against the increase in campaign donations from 750.00to 5500,oo. This is a money grab and is not acceptable.

I can support an increase of up to 1000.00, but no more.

Please do the responsible thing and do not let money buy elections.

Thank you

Judy Alexandre

Ventura resident

From: [Kate Faulkner](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: I OPPOSE changing Ventura County's campaign finance law
Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023 12:06:22 PM

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Dear Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in 100% opposition to raising the level of contributions by a donor to individuals running for office in Ventura County.

The proposal to raise contribution limits by Supervisors Gorell and Parvin does not solve any existing problems; it will create problems.

Big donations corrupt the government and politicians. Big donations amplify the influence of special interests and companies. Big donations reduce trust in the government. Big donations swamp the voice of voters.

Quoting from the Board of Supervisors web page:

"The Board of Supervisors enacted the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance to help the individual voter. This is accomplished by reducing the potential influence, and the appearance of influence, resulting from large campaign contributions to candidates, committee supporting candidates, or independent expenditure committees."

Please preserve the integrity of elections and Ventura County Government. Vote down this effort to allow big money to influence Ventura County elections.

Sincerely,
Kate Faulkner
Ventura, CA

From: [Kathy Bremer](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposed to Item 44 on March 14,2023 agenda
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:46:02 PM

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To: Ventura County Supervisors,
Re: Item 44 on March 14,2023 agenda
First Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of an Ordinance of the County of Ventura Repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance.

Dear Supervisors,

The proposal to repeal Ventura County's finance reform ordinance is one of the worst ideas I can think of for our county. It opens the floodgates to the wealthy and wily and leaves the average voter who donates at an extreme disadvantage. No matter how I look at this proposal, the goal appears to be to decrease the average resident's voice and increase the voices of those with influence and deep pockets.

I am adamantly opposed to any change, repeal or other manipulation of our existing campaign finance rules that will benefit the well-heeled to the detriment of the average resident of Ventura County. This proposal is not good government.

Ventura County must hold the line against the influence of big money on local government decisions. I urge you to place your residents above special interests and defeat this proposal.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the adverse impacts of this proposal prior to your vote.

Sincerely,
Kathy Bremer
Ventura

From: [Kathy Leslie](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Writing to express my opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:05:27 PM

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To the Clerk, and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to register my opposition to Item 44 slated to be discussed by the Board of Supervisors at the meeting on March 14. One of the reasons our county has retained its community feel is that campaign finance restrictions have limited the ability of outside interests to control Ventura county politics and life. Simply put, the existing system of campaign finance governance "ain't broke," as the saying goes, and begs the question why anyone on the Board feels it's necessary to reduce or eliminate local control.

Please do not support this Item with your vote. The carefully constructed laws in place to empower local control and grassroots candidates are an important part of what Ventura county residents love about life here. They should remain in place.

Sincerely,

Kathy Leslie
3141 Radcliffe Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
805-377-7840

From: ca.avoking@gmail.com
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 3:15:37 PM

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Honorable Supervisors,

I am writing to today to object to Repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance. For 20 years we have significantly decreased the influence of big money in our elections for county supervisor. Repealing the ordinance implies that state law and the local county law cannot both apply simultaneously yet that is exactly what 25 counties in California currently do, including Ventura County.

Your NO vote can decrease the influence of big money in our local politics and continue the benefits of having the restrictions of both state and local laws in effect in Ventura County.

Simply put, the arguments put forth in Item 44's Board Letter for repealing our important campaign ordinance are so weak that they raise skepticism. They certainly do not hold up to a logical analysis. Most importantly, they do not reflect the standards and values we have set for ourselves for the last 2 decades in Ventura County.

Please VOTE NO on Item 44.

Kevin Cannon
Santa Rosa Valley resident for 30 years

From: [Laura Healy](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 44: Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:00:14 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Board of Supervisors,
I am writing to voice my opposition to the resolution under item 44, which seeks to repeal the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance. This ordinance has been successful in preventing the undue influence of special interests and money in our local elections since 2003.

The repeal of this ordinance will only serve to allow wealthy donors and corporate interests to sway our local politics, jeopardizing the integrity of our democratic process. As a voter and a resident of Ventura County, I urge you to keep the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance in place, or at least revise it with more Board discussion to ensure transparency and fairness in our local elections.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Laura Healy
596 Canyon Vista Dr, Newbury Park, CA 91320

From: [Lois](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:29:29 PM

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I oppose limiting the current finance campaign law.
Lois Friss
Thousand Oaks

From: [Maria Older](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:44:02 PM

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I am curious as to why it would be necessary to eliminate the County's campaign finance ordinance. With all the other, more important issues affection our county, it makes not sense to me to change the campaign finance contribution limits. In the absence of a compelling reason, I feel strongly that the contribution limit should remain at \$750.

Thank you for your time to carefully consider this matter.

From: [Mary Lingua](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 44: Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:55:50 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed resolution under item 44, which seeks to repeal the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance. I believe repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance is an effort to disregard the individual citizens of the county and focus on allowing special interest with money to have priority. As a concerned citizen, I believe repealing this ordinance will provide an opportunity for my elected county officials to take the easy path to big money to influence the votes. The existing ordinance limiting Campaign Finance limits provides a level playing field for everyone to have an impact with an emphasis on grassroots campaigning and prioritizing the public's interests and concerns. The existing ordinance has fostered a culture of transparency and fairness in our local elections. I urge you to keep the ordinance in place to prevent the influence of corporate interests and individual donors with greater resources than the general public from swaying the outcomes of our local elections. Have more respect for every individual input then just those that have deeper pockets making it easier for you to get elected with big money,

Thank you for your attention and for protecting fair elections and reporting.

Sincerely,

Mary Lingua

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From: [Mindi Cater](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 44: Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:07:39 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the resolution under item 44, which seeks to repeal the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance. As a concerned citizen, I strongly believe that this ordinance has been a critical safeguard against the undue influence of money and special interests in our local elections. Since its implementation in 2003, the ordinance has ensured that candidates prioritize the concerns and interests of the public in their campaigns, resulting in transparent and fair elections. However, if this ordinance is repealed, it will pave the way for corporate interests and wealthy donors to exert their influence over our local elections, thereby undermining the democratic process. Therefore, I urge you to keep the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance in place to ensure that our local elections remain honest, transparent, and fair.

Thank you for your attention and for protecting fair elections and reporting.

Sincerely,
Melinda Cater
3744 Via Pacifica Walk,
Oxnard, CA 93035

From: [Michael MacDonald](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Cc: [District1](#); [Long, Kelly](#); [Supervisor Gorell](#); [Supervisor Parvin](#); [District5](#)
Subject: NO on ITEM 44 - Keep Campaign Finance Ordinance in Place
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 4:03:02 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ordinance being introduced in item 44, which seeks to repeal the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance.

As a concerned citizen, I believe that this ordinance has been instrumental in ensuring that special interests and money do not unduly influence our local elections since its inception in 2003. With its emphasis on grassroots campaigning and prioritizing the public's interests and concerns, the ordinance has fostered a culture of transparency and fairness in our local elections.

Don't be fooled by the recommendation that the county align with state law, this is an incumbent protection plan that aims not to level the playing field or increase transparency, but rather decreases trust in our electoral process by increasing contribution limits 633%.

When voters believe that elections are fair and transparent, they are more likely to participate and to have confidence in their elected officials. The campaign finance ordinance is critical for leveling the playing field, ensuring transparency, protecting local interests, and enhancing public trust in the process.

I strongly urge you to vote NO and keep the ordinance in place to prevent the influence of corporate interests and individual donors with greater resources than the general public from swaying the outcomes of our local elections.

Thank you for your attention and for protecting fair elections and reporting.

Sincerely,

Michael MacDonald Fair Elections Project Ventura County (FEP/VC)

From: [nancy tamarin](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Ordinance of the County of Ventura Repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance.
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:22:54 PM

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I strongly request that the board of supervisors reject the proposal in item 44 to resend current lemons on campaign donations.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pamela Holley-Wilcox](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:48:32 PM

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I'm opposed to raising individual campaign donation limits. The effect of raising the limits would be that regular citizens would have their voices drowned out by wealthy donors. That is unacceptable.

Pamela Holley-Wilcox
Oxnard, CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [P KELLEY](#)
To: clerkoftheboard@venturacounty.org
Subject: Changing the rule for contribution limits to campaigns for Ventura County supervisors
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:09:32 PM

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Honorable Clerk,

I am against any changes which would raise the amount donors can contribute to VC supervisor's campaigns. Please relay my concern on this important issue.

Thank you,

Pamela Kelley

Ventura, CA 93004

From: [Pamela Lopez](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Cc: viany.lopez@ventura.org
Subject: Proposed change to Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 11:00:07 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

In order to fully represent your constituents they must have an equal voice in funding elections. Your proposed changes to the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance puts the control and funding of county elections into the hands of corporations and the wealthiest members of our community. This change would have our newly elected officials working for the exploitation of our County instead of the protection of our County, in regards to both our members and our environment.

There are so many threats to our democratic process throughout the nation, let's keep it equitable in Ventura County.

Thank you.

Pamela Lopez-Weisman
Thousand Oaks

Dear Board of Supervisors:

It has come to the attention of many in the community, that Supervisor Gorell and Parvin are attempting to increase campaign contribution limits from the \$750 local limit to the \$5,500 statewide limit. However, living in the area of the county (Thousand Oaks) where representation for people of color and those of a lower socioeconomic status is nonexistent, I am irate and object to a proposal that is rooted in bias, self-interest, and being a puppet for the wealthy individuals and corporations. Incidentally, there were corporations and wealthy individuals that heavily funded Gorell and Parvin's campaigns in 2022. Incidentally, the job of a Supervisor is to represent all in the community that he or she represents, regardless of an individual's political affiliation, ethnicity/color of their skin, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. If campaign contribution limits are increased beyond the \$750 cap, it sends a clear message that some of the Supervisors are not interested or do not care about providing ethical and unbiased representation for all, but only for a select few.

People of color and of a lower socioeconomic status will suffer if the proposed campaign contribution limits are increased to an excessive amount. The reason why is that the aforementioned communities preferred candidates will refuse to accept big money and become indebted to individuals or corporations based on those contributions, which will put them at a disadvantage when attempting to raise campaign funds. I will not hold my breath, but I hope the Board of Supervisors will unite and vote against the increase for campaign contributions which is rooted in bias.

Sincerely,

Patrissha Booker (Thousand Oaks resident and Community Activist)

"The ultimate measure of a man/person is not where he/she stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he/she stands at times of challenge and controversy."

-Martin Luther King Jr-

From: [Peter Deneen](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Cc: [LaVere, Matt](#)
Subject: Fwd: Agenda Item #44 Tracking number 23-254742
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 3:10:59 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

I am a resident of Ventura County and consituent of District 1 in Uppper Ojai. I am writing to you regarding Agenda Item #44 Tracking Number 23-254742 "repealing the county campaign finance reform ordinance."

After researching this issue I felt alarmed enough at its proposal by two county supervisors that I felt compelled to write in. One of the features rotting the core of our representative democracy is campaign finance law that allows big money and distorts our elections process. Opening Ventura County to this kind of money in its politics will be detrimental to our electoral process in every conceivable way. W do not want to invite this kind of money into our local politics.

I ask that you VOTE NO on repealing the county's campaign finance laws.

Thank you,

Peter Deneen

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From: [Renee Fraser](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Campaign contribution limits
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:05:51 PM

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To the Members of the Board,

I thoroughly oppose lifting the campaign contribution limit of \$750 in Ventura County.

I would prefer publicly financed campaigns without campaign contributions, but the next best way to preserve our democratic institutions is to limit such contributions to an amount that an average resident might afford.

Money has already corrupted our national and state level systems of representation. Even local politics has been affected by outside actors giving money to people who would not otherwise be viable candidates. Higher campaign contributions shift political power from the working and middle classes to the rich. I imagine the two board members who proposed this change vote in the interests of the wealthy and thus their war chests would grow even though they have far fewer supporters. The wealthy don't need better representation.

Very truly yours,

Renee C. Fraser

4503 Adam Road

Simi Valley, CA 93063

From: [Rodney Love](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:06:52 PM

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This coming Tuesday, March 14th, Supervisors Gorell and Parvin are proposing to eliminate the County's campaign finance ordinance and all of its protections. Most disturbing, contribution limits would rise from the \$750 local limit to the \$5,500 statewide limit.

I OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE ORDINANCE, AND RAISING THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

Rodney Love, 80 Northam Av, Newbury Park, 91320

From: [Sonia Sandomer](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Ventura County's limit on campaign donations
Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023 4:30:53 PM

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I oppose any change to our current Campaign Finance Ordinance. Big donations corrupt the government and politicians and amplify the influence of special interests and companies. Tell Supervisor Gorell and Parvin “No”!

Sonia Sandomer
ssandomer@gmail.com
City of Ventura Resident
225 W Shoshone St
Ventura, Ca. 93001

From: [steve offerman](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisor item #44 OPPOSE 3/14/2023
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 3:09:11 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors-

The Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance has served the public and candidates well for a generation and countless campaigns have been run under it.. While an appropriate upward adjustment of the donation limit would be in order, repeal of the ordinance is unwarranted and harmful to democracy.

Repeal would amount to an "incumbent protection" policy by your Board, making it easy for incumbents to raise large sums of money to the great disadvantage of challengers. The item proponents make no argument that the current ordinance prevents candidates from effectively funding campaigns; to the contrary, both Supervisors Gorrell and Parvin successfully campaigned under the ordinance.

In addition to donation limits, the ordinance also contains valuable disclosure requirements for independent expenditure committees- something the authors fail to address. Without these local requirements, it will be far easier for special interests to disguise their independent expenditures from the public.

Please protect democracy by continuing Ventura County's long-standing tradition of supporting fair and transparent elections by rejecting repeal of the campaign ordinance.

Cordially,

Steve Offerman
Ventura, CA

From: [S. D. Colomé](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 44: Repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance (BOS 3-14-23)
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:44:56 PM

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Please reject allowing individual political contributions to increase by over 600%.

There is more than enough concentration of political influence from high-dollar contributors and those who stand to benefit directly from their political contributions. Let's keep politics clean!

Do the right thing for voters and residents of Ventura County and say NO to this misdirected proposal.

Steven Colome

From: [Susan Kline](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Opposition to Item 44
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 3:24:58 PM

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Please do not remove the \$750 contribution limits in Ventura County. We have taken pride in being a grassroots community. No matter what some would have us believe...that big money would not be an influence in our local community endeavors...well, that is naive. Money talks. We have to make sure any talking truly represents what our community wants and stands for in these perilous environmentally sensitive times.
Thank you.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Wendy Sauter](#)
To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Item 44 Contribution Limits
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:02:15 PM

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To the County Supervisors regarding the proposal to raise contribution limits. Please DO NOT vote for this. This would clearly help special interest groups and encourage corruption. Please vote no.

Thank you,
Wendy Sauter
Resident Ventura