

**From:** [Alasdair Coyne](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Please recommend our opposition to Agenda item 44, at your 3/14 hearing  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 9:20:38 PM

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As the Conservation Director of Keep Sespe Wild,  
I must in no uncertain terms recommend a no vote on Agenda item 44,  
re the raising of the current maximum campaign donation for County Supervisors' races  
from \$750 to \$5,500.  
This will only allow big money interests, such as the fossil fuel industry and the  
development community, to outspend candidates that represent the people of Ventura County.  
Ventura County's Board of Supervisors is taking a hard right turn, and its minority must be  
up front and standing strongly against the erasure of campaign finance limits that have served  
Ventura County's population well.  
Please vote no on Agenda item 44 on Tuesday March 14.  
Alasdair Coyne,  
Keep Sespe Wild,  
Ojai

**From:** [Al Reeves](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** change of County campaign finance law.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 9:06:33 AM

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i am against the proposal to change the Ventura County campaign finance law to be voted on today, Tuesday March 13.

C Albert Reeves, MD.

**From:** [Andy Atkins](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** opposition to item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 1:40:49 PM

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Clerk of the Board,  
Please stop this ridiculous and brazen big money power grab from the population.  
It makes the everyday citizen's voice inferior to those that contribute more money.  
We should all have at least a chance to have equal influence on our elected officials.  
Best regards,  
Andy Atkins  
4564 Dean Dr  
Ventura Ca. 93003  
805.339.0761  
[andy@andyatkins.com](mailto:andy@andyatkins.com)  
[www.andyatkins.com](http://www.andyatkins.com)  
FB photography: [www.facebook.com/andy.atkins.16](https://www.facebook.com/andy.atkins.16)

**From:** [Ann Deamer](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 4:44:34 PM

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I oppose any increases in contribution limits as supported by Gorell/Pervin.

Regards,

R.DEAMER, MD

**From:** [Arlen Ring](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed change in contribution limit.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:14:48 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

I have been a resident of Camarillo for 15 years and care a lot about my community. I strenuously oppose the proposed lifting of campaign contributions limits from the current limit of \$750.

Yours Truly,

Arlen Ring, Ph.D.  
1834 Camino Vera Cruz

**From:** [Betty Stapleford](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item # 44 on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for March 14  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 10:16:10 PM

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To members of the Ventura Board of Supervisors

As a local taxpayer and voter, I vehemently oppose the raising of the individual financial contribution limit from \$750 to \$5500 for the election of Ventura County Supervisors and other elected officials in future elections.

We need contributions by individual voters, not big money interests, in Ventura County.

Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford

698 Camino de Celeste

Thousand Oaks,

CA 91360

(805)630-8117

**From:** [Bob Merrilees](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Comment in OPPOSITION to Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 1:36:52 PM

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Ventura County Supervisors:

You and I KNOW that anybody who contributes \$5,500 per year to a political candidate expects something in return.

You were elected with a \$750 limit in effect.

Vote NO on any legislation to rescind that limit.

Bob Merrilees  
Camarillo

**From:** [Bob Pratt](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 8:51:51 PM

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Please do not eliminate the County's campaign finance ordinance and allies protections. We do not need big money influence in Ventura County. I live in Oak Park and have been here since 2008. We love it here. Thank you.

**From:** [Bonnie Biddison](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 11:05:44 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

I am writing to object vehemently to item #44, allowing state campaign contribution levels, rather than Ventura County campaign contribution levels to prevail - this is nothing but a way to allow deep pocketed interests to prevail in County Board of Supervisors issues. This item is supported by my County Supervisor, Mr Gorrell. Shame on him for supporting such a corrupting position and I will take note of it when next he is up for re-election.

Bonnie Biddison  
653 Oak Run Trail #209  
Oak Park, CA 91377  
(818) 519-8083  
[bbfromcsun@dslextreme.com](mailto:bbfromcsun@dslextreme.com)

**From:** [BONNIE CLARFIELD BYLIN](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Time sensitive; item #44 opposition  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:25:08 AM

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Our apologies for sending this email at the 11th hour.

I am writing to say that my husband and I are OPPOSED to item #44.

It is a very disappointing proposal to eliminate the County's finance order and its protections. It very self-serving to the elected officials who have proposed this unnecessary change.

We are furious. Do they not realize how obvious they are being to VC County voters who suspect they are looking for more money to run campaigns that will stink from special interests?

The current VC County campaign laws have worked well. There is a huge difference between a \$750 cap versus a \$5,500 cap! This is a blatant effort to allow for greater influences from special interests, including corporations from outside Ventura County. Shame on Supervisors Gorell and Parvin.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin &  
Stephen Bylin

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Brett Bufford](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition - item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:46:51 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to let you know I oppose item #44. Please join me in this opposition, because changing as proposed will allow big money donors to begin driving local politics, with negative impact on the county.

Regards,  
Brett Bufford

**From:** [Calvin Beeker](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 8:53:25 PM

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Clerk of the Board,

We are not in favor of increasing the campaign contribution limit for our Supervisors in Ventura County.

Calvin & Gail Beeker

**From:** [Carol Jackson](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** KEEP BIG MONEY OUT OF VENTURA  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 4:23:35 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,

Carol J Jackson  
6185 Palomino Circle  
Somis, Ca. 93066

**From:** [Carol Walbridge](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 5:58:21 PM

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I am very opposed to changing the \$750 limit on campaign contributions for Ventura. This limit insures that the little guy has a voice and that we are not governed by larger business interests. Keep the ordinance as is! Carol Walbridge

**From:** [Carolyn Vondriska](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:18:12 AM

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Dear Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

Please vote NO on Item 44 on today's agenda, the effort by Supervisors Gorrell and Parving to fundamentally alter the county's campaign reform laws. Our laws are a beacon of election integrity, and one of the many things that distinguishes Ventura County from others. We must ensure the transparency and integrity of our elections, and that includes giving grassroots candidates a more level playing field, as well as your constituents, who may not have the resources to donate as much as monied interests can.

Please vote no on Item 44; your constituents deserve it.

Thank you,  
Carolyn Vondriska  
Ojai

**From:** [Caryn Bosson](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:55:21 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Ventura County has a proud track record of limiting big money in our local elections. Please, please do not repeal the current law which limits political contributions to \$750. This will have the effect of reducing transparency and will significantly increase the amount of money flowing into county supervisors' campaigns.

We do not need big monied interests to have more power over our elected officials.

We will be watching carefully to see how this is voted.

Sincerely,

Caryn Bosson  
Ojai, CA

**From:** [Catherine Sims](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to the repeal of the Ventura County Campaign Finance Ordinance  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:49:14 AM

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Dear Board members,

I strongly object to the repeal of the \$750.00 personal campaign contribution limits. When guardrails, like this ordinance are removed it opens the door for special interest groups to drown out the voices of the people who put their candidates into office. The responsibility of every elected official must always be to the people they represent, not to the outside special interest groups whose only goal is exactly that, their own special interests.

Most emphatically,

Catherine Sims  
4565 Calle Argolla  
Camarillo, California 93012  
805 448-2289  
[stepswork@yahoolcom](mailto:stepswork@yahoolcom)



**From:** [Charlie Bosson](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** No on item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:09:00 AM

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Sir/Madam:

I respectfully ask that you oppose item #44, the lifting of the current \$750 campaign contribution limit. Removing the limit will open the races to unfair influence peddling.

Charles Bosson  
3763 Grand Ave, Ojai, CA 93023

**From:** [Change the World Books](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 7:26:50 PM

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Please continue to keep the campaign finance reform laws in Ventura County. This allows voters' voices to be heard and not to be dominated by wealthy donors.

DO NOT REPEAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULES.

I see maintaining the current laws as crucial to good honest government.

Sincerely,  
Melina Watts

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**Change the World Books**  
[publisher@changetheworld-books.com](mailto:publisher@changetheworld-books.com)  
310-383-9978

About *Tree* by [Melina Sempill Watts](#):

"Far from cute, this book takes a serious look at the value of love, the impossibility of permanence, and the ways in which humans leave the world." - **Kirkus Reviews**

**From:** [spencecb@aol.com](mailto:spencecb@aol.com)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item #44 Tuesday, March 14  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 11:00:22 PM

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Dear Supervisors,  
I am adamantly opposed to raising the campaign contribution limits.  
The current local limits should remain as they are.  
Sincerely,  
Charles B. Spence  
Camarillo

**From:** [Matt and Cindy](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:53:11 AM

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We are writing to state that we feel that the \$750.00 campaign contribution limit is just right for Ventura County. Since my husband and I have lived in other counties in California we have seen and felt the rise of big money in politics. Yes, it does affect all sizes of counties.

So please continue to keep our Ventura County a small donation county!

Cindy LeClaire  
Matt Doyle  
10197 Norwalk Street  
Ventura, CA 93004

**From:** [Clyde Hofflund](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 9:49:56 AM

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398 N Ashwood Ave  
Ventura, California 93003

Ms. Rosa Gonzalez  
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

Dear Ms. Gonzalez;

I am strongly opposed to Action item #44 on today's agenda. Repealing our current county law limiting contributions of \$750 per person in an election would not be in the citizens of Ventura County's best interest. The only beneficiaries of raising the contribution limit to \$5500 per person would be advertising agencies and parties who want to "buy an election". Our streets are fully adorned with campaign posters in the runup to an election now. I can't imagine that anything good would come from quadrupling the amount of money spent on a local election.

Sincerely, Clyde Hofflund

**From:** [VC PLU](#)  
**To:** [Gorell, Jeff](#); [Parvin, Janice](#)  
**Cc:** [Long, Kelly](#); [LaVere, Matt](#); [Lopez, Vianey](#); [ClerkoftheBoard](#); [VC PLU](#)  
**Subject:** Ítem #44 - March 14, 2023 BofS Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 11:54:46 PM

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To Supervisors Gorell and Parvin:

This email is drafted by a collaboration of many County of Ventura (County) employees that are also constituents from your districts. The purpose of this email is to strongly oppose the proposed resolution under item 44. Increasing the maximum contribution to \$5,500 will only benefit wealthy individuals and corporations, not the average resident in this county.

Additionally, we would like to highlight that Supervisors Gorell and Parvin acknowledge that a “livable wage” needs to be paid to campaign workers while the cost of living, goods, and services continues to increase. While this resolution is not related to County employees, a livable wage should also apply to all County employees too, not just individuals that work campaigns. We hope and request that all Supervisors support a livable wage for general County employees and would draft a resolution supporting these same employees. County employees are critical for all county operations.

During the most recent labor negotiations, the County’s Executive Office identified that approximately 30-35% of general County employees earn less than, and in many cases significantly less than, \$50,000. This would qualify a family of 3 to 4 people for CalFresh, a government assistance program formerly known as Food Stamps. So, there are County employees that are recipients of CalFresh benefits. Even with the most recent labor negotiations, the County continues to maintain general County employees at very low wages.

Furthermore, according to Shawn Atin, general County employees that are “classic” VCERA members, will be receiving a 10% or more pension reduction due to the recent Alameda Decision. So again, County employees should also receive a livable wage which, unfortunately, has historically not been supported by the Board of Supervisor’s. We are hopeful that Supervisors Gorell and Parvin and the other Supervisors are able to provide the same support for County employees as the effort they have demonstrated to support or oppose this resolution.

Finally, this email is sent by a collaboration of County employees that seek improvements for the County. Unfortunately, for fear of retaliation by the County at all levels, the employees cannot disclose their personal information. The County has a long history of discourteous treatment, retaliation, bullying, and punitive treatment for speaking out.

Respectfully,  
Collaboration of Ventura County employees

**From:** [Connie Biggers](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Raising the Campaoining Limit Contributions  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:16:59 AM

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The idea of raising the individual funding of the local Ventura County Supervisor's race from \$750 to \$7,000 is a very unproductive move towards supervisor elections being totally bought by an affluent minority Ventura County citizens. What is the agenda of those seeking to change the present law protecting the ability of Ventura County voters to have an election whose candidates will more accurately represent the "grassroots" will of the people? More money does not necessarily mean more representation and provide a greater opportunity to be of "service" to the entire population.

Raising the individual campaign contributions allowed into these campaigns will speak for itself; it will impossible for qualified and capable candidates to successfully run for county supervisor. Everything comes with a price and removing the status quo of campaign donations will lead to big dollars for candidates not necessary representing their constituents.

Thank you for your assistance in this concern,

Connie Biggers  
158 La Plaza Way  
Ojai, CA. 93023

**From:** [Cynthia Leavitt](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 12:40:58 PM

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I am alarmed that the prospect of raising the amount of campaign contribution has even been brought forward. I am opposed to raising the limit from \$750. Our supervisors should not be bought, this is quite disturbing and Item #44 should be firmly voted down.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cynthia Leavitt  
1975 Maricopa Hwy, #60  
Ojai, CA 93023  
805-978-9238

**From:** [Santa Paula Latino Town Hall](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 4510  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 11:19:36 AM

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Greetings from Latino Townhall, we are against the repeal of the ordinance 4510 as it is setup to protect and be inclusive of constituents best interests. Anyone in support of repealing this ordinance is not a friend or in support of those who have been negatively affected by organizations who seek to line their pockets at the expense of the lives of our most vulnerable. Latino Town Hall will be watching with diligence and will take every step necessary to remove electeds who act against the best interest of the community.

Cynthia Salas  
President Latino Town Hall  
On behalf of Executive Board

**From:** [Dana](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Don't raise campaign finance limits  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:25:29 AM

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The current \$750 is plenty. Why raise it higher? There can only be one reason: to make it easier for high income donors to influence elections.

Why would we want that?

It's better for the average citizen to have a say.

Thank you,

Dana Smith

2222 Palomar Ave

Ventura, CA 93001

**From:** [DEBORAH FOLEY](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Campaign Contribution Limit Law  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 5:53:19 PM

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I have lived in Ventura County for nearly 55 years and have witnessed changes too numerous to list here. Through it all, good and bad, we have managed to maintain our small town charm. I would like to see that continue.

The current campaign contribution limit has worked for our community for the past 20 years. Let's keep up the good work and not fix something that isn't broken.

Please vote against raising the existing campaign contribution limit.

Respectfully,  
Deborah Foley  
Newbury Park

**From:** [DebyQuandt](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 6:55:11 PM

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Please keep campaign donations/contributions to \$750 in the county of Ventura!!

Blessings from my iPhone  
Deby Quandt

**From:** [Deirdre Frank](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Campaign Finance  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 9:11:10 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 9:04 AM, Deirdre Frank <[pilawqueen@aol.com](mailto:pilawqueen@aol.com)> wrote:

The existing provisions have worked well and should be maintained. Allowing the proposed changes will allow less advantaged residents of Oxnard to have their concerns muted. Consider the outside funding received by proponents for Aaron Starr's Initiatives in Oxnard. I urge rejection of these changes on the County level to prevent the same. Please consider the devastating effect the Citizens United Supreme Court decision has had in our federal politics. What we have is working.

Deirdre Frank  
5244 Seabreeze Way  
Oxnard 93035

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**From:** [Diana Kubilos](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 12:12:48 AM

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Ventura County Board Of Supervisors:

My name is Diana Kubilos, and I'm a resident of Ventura. I'm writing to state my adamant opposition to the proposal to eliminate our County's campaign finance ordinance, and all of its protections.

The proposal to eliminate our vital campaign contribution limits should be seen for what is is: An attempt to increase the power of big money donors, thereby decreasing the power of everyday citizens in our County elections.

Please ask yourselves who you are elected to represent, and who our elections are supposed to be for? Limiting big money in our electoral systems is fundamental to protecting our democratic process.

Thank you,

Diana Kubilos

**From:** [Diane Hubbard](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 11:35:10 PM

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I am opposed to eliminating the campaign donation limit. Increased donations is a slippery slope that can lead to special interests have an unfair advantage in influencing our elected officials.

Sent from Diane's iPhone

**From:** [drew@fountaines.com](mailto:drew@fountaines.com)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** no on item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 9:06:58 AM

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Please record my opposition to item #44 that would raise contribution limits.

Drew Fontaine  
6860 Oak Springs Drive  
Oak Park, CA

**From:** [Edward Cruz](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:49:05 AM

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Hello,

My name is Edward Cruz. I am a 24-year resident of Ventura County, business owner, and active in the community. My family and I want to voice our adamant opposition to the proposed increase in political contributions. For two decades now, our county has had one of the most effective campaign reform laws in the State of California/ It has served us very well, at a time of dangerous overlap of political and financial interests.

This proposal is (1) NOT NECESSARY, and (2) INTENBDED AS A GIVE TO HIGH FINANCE INTERSTS, both in and those outside wanting to grab further influence our area. DO NOT ADOPT THIS TRESPASS on civic control of our county, our environment, our fiscal health.

*Edward Cruz*

**h** 805.499.3429

**m** 805.625.1183

[ed@thecruzers.com](mailto:ed@thecruzers.com)

**From:** [Elzbet Diazdeleon](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 9:56:34 AM

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I wish to oppose #44. Keep our spending limits. Don't sell Ventura to LA interests.

**From:** [Garrett Clifford](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Repealing our current law, removing the \$750 contribution limit,  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 11:04:43 AM

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I am opposed to #44 on the March 14th agenda repealing Ventura County's campaign contribution law!

Garrett Clifford  
Ojai Trees  
*Community Forestry for the Ojai Valley*

**From:** [Gene Meyer](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:20:32 AM

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Like a large number of people in this county, I oppose the elimination of Ventura's campaign finance rules. Specifically I oppose raising the limit of campaign donations in the county.

Gene D. Meyer, registered voter in Ventura Co

**From:** [gloriasgardens@hotmail.com](mailto:gloriasgardens@hotmail.com)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#); [Gloria Dreyfuss](#); [Supervisor Gorell](#); [moorparkparvin@gmail.com](mailto:moorparkparvin@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Campaign contribution limits  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:46:59 AM

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Good morning.

I've amended my original email to include the agenda #44 for the march 14th morning meeting.

Sent from myMail for iOS

Monday, March 13, 2023 at 1:14 PM -0700 from Gloria Dreyfuss  
<[gloriasgardens@hotmail.com](mailto:gloriasgardens@hotmail.com)>:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today in regard to the March 14th morning meeting, agenda item #44. I am 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:** [Grace Nishihara](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:27:06 AM

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Dear Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

Please maintain the \$750 maximum campaign contribution limit. If not, the average citizen's voice like mine will be drowned out by big money donors.

Thank you,  
Grace Nishihara

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**From:** [thayerfam](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Contribution limits  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 10:57:06 PM

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I strongly back Ventura County 's current contribution limits.  
They work well and should not be loosened!  
Greg Thayer  
14397 Ojai Rd  
Santa Paula

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

**From:** [Hilary Howard](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to item #44 - County Supervisors meeting March 14th 2023  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:01:42 PM

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I would like to register my opposition to Item #44- eliminating the County's campaign ordinance and it's protections, especially increasing the limits for donations.

Money in politics is a BIG problem in this country and we definitely don't need the opportunity for undue influence in this County.

Hilary Howard  
1048 Fitzgerald Ave, Ventura, CA 93003.  
[hil.bikesca@gmail.com](mailto:hil.bikesca@gmail.com)

**From:** [Jack Nicholl](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 4:48:23 PM

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Dear Members of the Board:

I live at 8550 Mipolomol Rd. in Ventura County Malibu. I strongly oppose the repeal of Ventura County's campaign finance law and the protections it provides to fair and transparent elections in VC. A couple can contribute \$1500 now and the proposal in item #44 would raise that to \$11,000. Who will benefit from such a change? The average voter? No! The average community based candidate? No! The repeal empowers only special interests, or those who have been compromised by special interest financial contributions. I would be there in person to make these comments but the rain up here where we live near Boney Ridge has made travel treacherous, so this email will have to do. I do hope the Board will vote down this repeal and that the two sponsors of the measure will not secure a third vote. Thank you.

Sincerely, Jack Nicholl

**From:** [Jamie Green](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 8:30:09 PM

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I OPPOSE the ludicrous attempt by Gorell and Parvin to eliminate the County's campaign finance ordinance and all of its protections!

Jamie Green  
Ventura, Ca

**From:** [Jan Mangan Oldham](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Campaign Contribution Law  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 1:33:08 AM

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Although I don't live in Ventura I do live right next door in Santa Barbara. If I could vote in Ventura I would vote against Item #44, the absolute elimination of the Campaign Contribution Law. This makes absolutely no sense in these times of suspicion of anything related to politics. Please remember common sense always prevails.

Jan Oldham, 2712 Verde Vista Dr, Santa Barbara CA 93105, 805 898-1827

**From:** [Jennifer Albert](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44 Oppose!  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:56:47 AM

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Hello

As a voting citizen of Ventura County, I wish to voice my opinion and stand in opposition to item #44. We should not allow an increase spending limits for campaign contributions. All people in Ventura need to have an equal voice and keeping big money interests out of elections will do that.

Thank-you,  
Jennifer Albert  
Camarillo 93012

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Selby Pena](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:03:18 PM

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I appose #44 being a 5th generation I want to protect our green belt .  
Jennifer selby - Pena

**From:** [Jim Loree](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Elimination of Ventura County's Campaign Contribution Limit  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 3:16:19 PM

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I strongly oppose the elimination of campaign contribution limits set by Ventura County. I understand that there are limits set by the State of California but in my opinion that limit is too high and allows for manipulation by donating outside of the twelve month period.

Ventura County's standard keeping donation limits low helps keep political decisions at a grassroots level and reduces over influence by large donors. As a 40 year Ventura County resident, homeowner and former County employee I feel it is essential to involve the greatest number of stakeholders in important County policy decisions .

Thank you,

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Jim Loree  
2116 Vista Del Mar DR  
Ventura, CA 93001  
805.701.4710  
[lorej.jim@gmail.com](mailto:lorej.jim@gmail.com)

**From:** [jim paulson](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Change of Campaign Finance Law...  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 11:12:38 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors; Politics in the United States as well as local issues have become totally toxic.

Money has poisoned our political processes. Money in the form of campaign finances has to be curtailed or regulated to keep “special interests” from overwhelming our elections. By saying NO, Ventura County can go a long way to insure future elections are fair and open!

Thank you,

James Paulson

1852 Dewayne Ave.

Camarillo, CA. 93010...

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

**From:** [Joan Archer](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** limiting campaign contributions to \$750  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:14:22 AM

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I oppose any change in Ventura County ordinances or law that would allow an increase of campaign contributions above \$750 to any candidate.

Joan Archer  
Fillmore Resident

**From:** [Joan Eich](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 5:11:53 PM

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Please, I realize the state has put a (high) limit on the amount you can contribute, but many of us (especially retirees) simply do not have the ability to free up monies for politics. We do not want that to happen in Ventura County.

Please let all people have somewhat of an equal standing so we can feel we contribute to the outcomes of the elections. The two supervisors may have the best of intentions but they probably have more money to use (plus their political war chests) beyond their basic bills. This is especially true with the natural gas prices skyrocketing in January on top of inflation and higher prices for most goods and services. We want to be a contributing member of our democracy but raising the limit to \$5,500 cuts us out if we want to support a person or idea.

Please oppose Item 44.

Joan Eich

**From:** [Joanne Isaksen](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 6:26:01 AM

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I am opposed to raising the campaign donation limit from \$750 to \$5,500 as proposed by Supervisors Gorell and Parvin. Money in politics is corrosive. In Ventura County we have done very well with the current campaign limit we have. Let's not fix something that isn't broken and risk corruption and undue influence by wealthy individuals.

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Joanne Isaksen  
[joanneisaksen@gmail.com](mailto:joanneisaksen@gmail.com)

**From:** [Joe Connett](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** I STRONGLY oppose Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:17:27 PM

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I STRONGLY oppose Item 44. We can't let the oil companies buy our Supervisors

**From:** [joel.crawley](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 9:13:42 AM

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Dear Clerk of the Board'

I am Joel Crawley and I live at 5531 N. Greentree Drive, Somis, CA and I want to voice my opinion that I am Opposed to item # 44 that would change the Campaign Contribution Limit of \$750.00. Thank You

**From:** [john mcmanus](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Ventura Co Board of Supervisors Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:18:28 PM

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I would clearly like to state my opposition to Supervisors Gorell and Parvin proposal to eliminate the County's campaign finance ordinance. I believe this is item #44 on the agenda.

Sincerely,  
Karin Hansen-McManus

**From:** [Joseph Richardson](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 10:50:12 PM

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I wish to voice my extreme discontent with this attempt to remove the \$750 contribution limit and raise it to \$5000.

This would allow big money to enter into the race instead of keeping it at a level that local people of modest means have the ability to become an active and appropriate donor in support of candidates.

my particulars

Joseph P Richardson

8778 Tacoma St.

Ventura Ca 93004

(805) 659 2387 home land line

Again, this letter is a NO on item #44 .. I am against raising the individual donor limits.

**From:** [Julie Ward](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item 444  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:50:44 AM

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I am in opposition to Item 444 on tomorrow's Board Agenda. Please do not limit the cap on campaign spending.  
Julie Ward

**From:** [ksuigram](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Campaign Contributions  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:00:29 PM

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I am writing to voice my concern for Jeff Gorrell's attempt to change Ventura County's campaign contribution laws. Individual contributions should remain at a maximum of \$750. Please vote NO on his proposal.

Thank you,

Karen Ingram  
2462 Pleasant Way - Unit O  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
805-390-9298

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [ksavitt@aol.com](mailto:ksavitt@aol.com)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard)  
**Subject:** Re: changing campaign donations  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 7:31:02 PM

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### **Agenda Item 44 Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance**

having reasonable local donation contribution guidelines for the county gives a voice to voters that are not looking for favors from the board of supervisors. saying it is not a needed guideline leaves me questioning the motives of those who believe the elimination would be positive. IT IS NOT. we have enough avenues to request the board act on constituent requests. this would just allow those with money to garner favor by providing supervisors with substantial donations. i find this recommendation egregious and will further narrow the voice of the voters. how about running on the favorable things you have done for the county and not getting a leg up because you can run more ads. as we have seen the oil companies do, the alter and eliminate facts to manipulate the public. i am assuming Gorell and Pavin must have a similar idea to maintain their seats.

sincerely, karen savitt, city of ventura resident.

On Monday, March 13, 2023 at 10:10:00 AM PDT, ClerkoftheBoard <[clerkoftheboard@ventura.org](mailto:clerkoftheboard@ventura.org)> wrote:

Good morning,

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

Thank you,

Lori

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**From:** [ksavitt@aol.com](mailto:ksavitt@aol.com) <[ksavitt@aol.com](mailto:ksavitt@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2023 9:57 AM  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard) <[ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org)>

**Subject:** changing campaign donations

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having reasonable local donation contribution guidelines for the county gives a voice to voters that are not looking for favors from the board of supervisors. saying it is not a needed guideline leaves me questioning the motives of those who believe the elimination would be positive. IT IS NOT. we have enough avenues to request the board act on constituent requests. this would just allow those with money to garner favor by providing supervisors with substantial donations. i find this recommendation egregious and will further narrow the voice of the voters. how about running on the favorable things you have done for the county and not getting a leg up because you can run more ads. as we have seen the oil companies do, the alter and eliminate facts to manipulate the public. i am assuming Gorell and Pavin must have a similar idea to maintain their seats.

sincerely, karen savitt, city of ventura resident.

**From:** [Kathryn Selm](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 11:15:01 PM

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Hello,

I am a citizen of Ventura County and I am writing to oppose item #44. I don't have much money and most of the time in this country I am made to feel that means I have no voice. If this campaign finance is approved I will have even less of a voice in my own county. Please oppose item #44 it is not good for grassroots organizers, regular citizens, or the people of Ventura County,

-Kat Selm

-Thousand Oaks

**From:** [Kate Larsen](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:05:05 PM

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Dear Ventura County Supervisors,

Please, please, please don't increase the campaign finance ordinance. \$750 to \$5,550! Really???? A couple being able to give \$11,000? This is dishonest! It gives the wealthy even more control over the poor than they already have. We must continue to be among the best in California,, and not allow those with deep pockets to run our county. Do the right thing for Democracy tonight.

Thank You,  
Kate Larsen,  
Ventura

**From:** [kim bryson](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Support existing campaign ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 7:15:50 PM

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Dear Sirs,

I support the current Ventura County campaign finance ordinance and all of its protections - (limiting campaign contributions to \$750.00) and **urge you to vote to keep this essential - campaign contribution law in place.**

This law has effectively leveled the playing field in Ventura County (for the last 20 years) by empowering local citizens voices - as opposed to those voices/concerns being overpowered by big money interests -

Additionally the existing law has strict requirements for accountability and transparency -

Truly there has never been a time in the history of the United States when our democracy and election process has been more under seige and threatened

I urge you to vote against Gorell and Pavin's proposal to eliminate the existing campaign finance ordinance

Kathleen Bryson  
805 218 0822

**From:** [Kathy Scroggs](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose item #44 of the 3/14/23 Board of Supervisors agenda  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 1:43:21 PM

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I oppose item #44 of the 3/14/23 Board of Supervisors agenda.

*Kathy*

Kathy J. Scroggs (she / hers)

Owner of 32 Dana Pt. Ave., Ventura, CA 93004.

[kathy@scroggscpa.org](mailto:kathy@scroggscpa.org); 805.444.7994

Owner of 32 Dana Pt. Ave., Ventura, CA 93004

**From:** [Kenmere](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:54:31 AM

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Please do not eliminate the the \$750 contribution limit!  
Local residents with smaller contributions need to have a big voice in our community!  
We must keep this limit in place to continue participation by the widest  
number of local citizens.

Thank you,  
Kenmere Davidson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Caoimhin \(null\)](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
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I'm writing to voice my opposition to item #44

Kevin Conville  
2063 Rockdale Av  
Simi Valley, CA

**From:** [Hi Mike. Resrv ing fior 1 \(one\) for Tuesday Sept 1 SV/MP City Club meeting at the Junkyard. Please let us know if physical demonstrations of support for law enforcement on the plaza on Monday council meetings are welcome. I would like to make it a regular occurrence if for no other reason than to have a chance to influence young mins full of mush BLMers that there is another reality out here.](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 8:18:00 PM

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Dear VCBOS,

The opponents to aligning Ventura County campaign contribution law with the state's are so obviously frightened of losing their unjust and unfair campaign contributions advantage from the unions and PACs that hey are willing to reveal just how stupid they believe the citizens of the county are. Please do the right thing and save these thieves any further embarrassment .

Thank you,

Kris Mauldin

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Larry Rose](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Cc:** [LaVere, Matt](#); [Lisa Larramendy](#)  
**Subject:** Item # 44 comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 5:30:22 PM

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I adamantly oppose raising the campaign donation limit for Supervisors elections. It will corrupt the process.

Larry Rose  
2036 Valley Meadow Dr  
Oak View CA 93022  
805-844-5071

**From:** [Lee VanHouten](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** OPPOSE Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:38:30 PM

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Dear Clerk,

I hereby register my opposition to Item #44- eliminating the County's campaign ordinance and it's protections, especially increasing the limits for donations.

Money in politics is a BIG problem in this country and we definitely don't need the opportunity for undue influence in this County.

Lee VanHouten  
1048 Fitzgerald Ave.  
Ventura, CA. 93003

**From:** [lindaatthebeach@charter.net](mailto:lindaatthebeach@charter.net)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** county campaign ordinance and all of its protections  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 11:09:51 PM

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I oppose item #44

**From:** [Liza Diniakos](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Public Comment: Agenda Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:20:36 AM

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this does not seem to be in the list of public comments. it was sent mar 12. can you please include it? Thank you.

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 12, 2023, 10:20:46 AM PDT  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Agenda Item 44

Dear Supervisor Gorell and Supervisor Parvin,

I'm writing to comment on your co-authored Board Letter which is published under Item 44 on the agenda of the March 14, 2023 BoS meeting.

Carefully, I've read your arguments in favor of repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance in search of an important point - which is how your proposal would help the county. I couldn't find it.

The only thing your justifications for this proposal appear to address is how it will help you and your future political campaigns. You are suggesting to shift power to donors with the means to donate up to \$5,500 per person to political campaigns, and away from the rest of us. I can understand your enthusiasm about wanting to improve your prospects for future elections. It is so obviously self-serving.

But please keep in mind that you are now public servants rather than candidates. Is this proposal really how you want to put your best foot forward and show the community what your priorities are as new supervisors? It's a terrible look.

I encourage you to think the better of it, withdraw your effort to repeal the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance, and focus on the needs and well-being of our county. (And to all the Supervisors - if Supervisors Gorell and Parvin insist on pushing ahead with their effort to repeal the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance, I ask you to please vote no and keep the ordinance in place.)

Get to work for the people of the county.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Diniakos  
Thousand Oaks, District 4.

**From:** [Louise Sherman](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose item #44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 10:55:16 PM

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No reason to change the current maximum ceiling for political race contributions...Just say "NO"!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Laure Stern](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Cc:** [stephenbennett@charter.net](mailto:stephenbennett@charter.net)  
**Subject:** Opposed to item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:47:08 AM

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I would like to register my opposition to item #44 . To repeal the current law which limits campaign contributions to \$750 allows those with deep pockets to influence Ventura County Supervisors. Please oppose this proposal. Ventura County is a very special corner of California blending ag with the ocean and amazing natural resources. It is imperative that the people's voice can be heard loud and clear and the limit on campaign contributions insures that the all the people will be heard. Please convey this email to the Members of the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,  
Laure Stern

Little Bison Farm  
5530 N Greentree  
Somis California 93066  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Madeleine Brockwell](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:05:10 AM

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As a Thousand Oaks home owner since 1975, I don't want to see this community ruined any further by wealthy outside developers who can buy and bully their way into our local political process with their huge contributions that allows the candidate of their picking to buy the huge political signs and other ads that we experienced in this last election. Keep the \$750 contribution limit so that our local citizens who care about our city and its safety and environment have a fair chance to run for office. Big money almost always leads to corruption. I am not at all pleased with our new supervisor.

Madeleine Brockwell

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Marcy Toscher](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:13:50 AM

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My husband and I are opposed to this attempt to re-do campaign finance laws that have worked for 20 years in Ventura County. Please vote no!

Thank you,

Marcy and Steve Toscher  
Ojai

**From:** [Margaret Tolberg](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 5:36:42 PM

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I write in opposition to Item 44, repealing the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance. This is very anti-democratic. It would give the wealthy and corporations much more advantage over County Board of Supervisor campaigns.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Tolberg  
6468 Ridgecrest Lane  
Somis CA 93066

**From:** [Margo Haas](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 9:04:55 AM

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I am in opposition to item #44 on today's agenda.  
Margo Haas

**From:** [Marianne](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 9:02:43 AM

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I am opposed to changing our current campaign finance law, which would remove the \$750 contribution limit. I strongly oppose item #44. Thank you.

Marianne Slaughter  
1656 Riente St  
Camarillo, CA 93010  
805-484-8415

**From:** [Marilyn Miller](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** I OBJECT  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:00:47 AM

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Dear Friends,

I object to raising the amount of money individuals can contribute to political issues.

Ventura County is still beautiful with plenty of open space because we have consciously limited becoming overdeveloped.

One reason we have been able to keep our lovely, productive environment is because we are still governed by the people not by developers.

Please keep the campaign contribution limits the same.

*Rev. Marilyn Miller,  
Ojai, CA*

**From:** [Mark Mendelsohn](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 9:49:14 PM

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Dear Clerk,  
I am strongly opposed to eliminating the County's campaign finance ordinance and all of its protections.  
Thank you for registering my comment,  
Mark Mendelsohn  
Ventura, CA

**From:** [Mary Looby](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to repeal of Ventura County's campaign finance ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 6:04:59 PM

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Hello - I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to repeal Ventura County's campaign finance ordinance.

Our current ordinance protects the average citizen and voter. Those who are not rich, who cannot give thousands and thousand of dollars to politicians running for office, do not lose influence (their vote) based on their financial abilities.

I don't want to see high-donation-influenced impact on our politicians, who should be fairly representing ALL of their constituents, not just the ones who can fund their campaigns with huge donations and have unfair influence on the future decisions of those politicians.

I want to see Ventura County continue to have control over local expenditure limits. Not abolish them altogether.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mary Looby  
Ventura, CA

**From:** [Mary Saputo](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:54:19 AM

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I am opposed to #44. The current limit of \$750. per campaign contribution should remain in place. The amount of money

spent on political campaigns is stunning, that money would be more beneficial spent elsewhere.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Mary Saputo

**John C. Zaragoza**  
Mayor



**Office of the Mayor**

300 West Third Street  
Oxnard, CA 93030  
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March 13, 2023

Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

In a joint message with District 2 Councilmember Gabe Teran, I am expressing our opposition to the proposed repeal of the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance (Agenda Item 44, March 14, 2023).

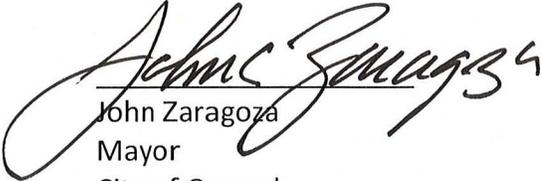
Mr. Chair and Supervisors, as you are aware, I served for three terms on the Board of Supervisors and ran three successful campaigns – each of which were subject to this ordinance. As part of a more equitable democratic process, these limits made running for Supervisor more attainable to those who wished to run for the office and represent their community. Contributions from one’s family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues are the truest form of grassroots campaign support. The Councilmember and I are concerned that repeal of this ordinance and increasing the contribution limit by over 600% could easily lead to this grassroots support being easily and often outweighed by larger corporate, special interest, or independently wealthy donors. Councilmember Teran and I also agree that in a county like Ventura, where we have so many current and future leaders who hail from our many working-class communities, we as elected leaders should be reducing their barriers to entering public service – not creating more.

In reviewing the attachments from the board packet, I see that thus far you have received about 120 letters on this item. From my brief review, I could not find one letter expressing constituent support for this item, rather, it appears that many are expressing clear opposition. These also did not appear to be form letters, but instead are individualized messages by constituents who took the time to reach out to their elected representatives to express their feelings about this important item.

In conclusion, Councilmember Teran and I both oppose this item, and we urge you to strongly consider your position on this proposed repeal. If there is a desire to change the County’s campaign contribution or expenditure limits, we both also agree that placing such an initiative before the voters would be a more appropriate approach, and hope you’ll consider this as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration, please do not hesitate to reach out if you'd like to discuss the item further.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Zaragoza  
Mayor  
City of Oxnard

  
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Gabe Teran  
Councilmember, District 2  
City of Oxnard

**From:** [Meredy Benson Rice](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:58:54 AM

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Dear Sir,

As a resident of Ventura County, I write to protest the proposal (item #44) aimed at withdrawing limits on campaign donations. Terrible idea! We don't want big money influencing our electoral process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Meredy Benson Rice

**Meredy Benson Rice**

*Director of Teaching & Learning @ Oak Grove School and Certified Coach*



"There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning."

J. Krishnamurti

**From:** [Michael Hughes](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 11:18:07 PM

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I strongly disagree with weakening VC election contribution limits. Approving this will show that big money interests have over sized influence for at least two supervisors. This is an attempt to override the interests of the regular people of VC.

-Best Regards,  
Michael Hughes

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michelle](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Cc:** [michellesantucci](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 10:28:12 PM

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I am a resident of Ventura county and strongly oppose the elimination of the county's campaign finance ordinance. The contribution limit should absolutely remain at \$750.00.

Sincerely,

Michelle Santucci  
Oak Park

**From:** [Millie Seidman](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 5:03:09 PM

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Please keep our current laws regarding campaign contributions....removing the \$750 contribution amount and reducing transparency and ending expenditure limits are all ways that will allow big money to have added influence over our elections. We need to keep our protections!

Mildred E Seidman  
20210 Village 20  
Camarillo, Ca.  
805 388 9892

**From:** [Nancy Borelli](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 9:43:40 PM

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I stand in opposition to increasing the campaign contributions from \$750 to \$5500 for county supervisor elections. We have seen far too many times the election of officials who do not support and reflect the views of their constituents, but who are elected simply because they have had excessive amounts of money donated by wealthy powerful influencers (who wanted favors). We cannot fall for that scheme. Officials should be elected for the causes they support, the values they hold, and their effectiveness to get things done for the good of the people. Money has nothing to do with any of those criteria - let's not allow Ventura County to fall into the same trap as our federal elections are struggling to climb out of. Don't fall prey to greed and power grabs.

**From:** [Nancy & Bill Vaniotis](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 5:25:58 PM  
**Importance:** High

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This email is to advise the Ventura County Board of Supervisors that I am **opposed** to eliminating the County's campaign finance ordinance (Agenda item 44).

Thank you,

Nancy Settle Vaniotis  
1301 Beachmont Street  
Ventura, CA 93001

805 758 0142

**From:** [Patrick Teague](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:06:28 AM

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Hello,

My name is Patrick Teague. I am writing to express my strong opposition to item #44. There is no need to increase campaign contribution limits.

I've lived in Ventura County for the past 27 years. I've supported political campaigns and donated money to some.

By design, having low contribution limits increases the number of donations that must be obtained in order to win an election. That means politicians must focus on the many, rather than the few.

In a true democracy all votes are equal and all voices are heard. We certainly have not achieved this ideal. Unfortunately, largely due to weak campaign contribution laws, our country has shifted towards oligarchy; those with money have a much larger voice than those without.

I ask that the supervisors consider that sometimes less is more. Lower contribution limits mean more of the populace has a voice.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Teague

**From:** [Patrissha Patrissha](#)  
**To:** [Long, Kelly](#); [Supervisor Parvin](#); [Supervisor Gorell](#); [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 5:54:43 PM

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Board of Supervisors:

The three of you are puppets for big money organizations and wealthy people that spent thousands to get you elected. Your yes votes to raise campaign donations to a ridiculous amount, proves that three of you are not interested in providing fair representation for all, but only for the select few who are in control of your strings. Although it does not matter to any of you, most people of color and many others do not want the likes of you representing their districts, which includes me.

I live in Thousand Oaks and was devastated when Claudia Bill De La Pena lost the election, many in the community knew that we would not have anyone standing up for us to do the right thing. The three of you are puppets and opportunists.

Patrissha Booker  
Community Activist  
Thousand Oaks

**From:** [Paul McDaniel](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Campaign Contribution Limits - Agenda Item 44 - Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 3:13:24 PM

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To the Board of Supervisors, Ventura County,

I wish to state my fervent opposition to the proposal that Ventura County's campaign contribution limits be increased from \$750 to \$5,500. Money corrupts and this change would have a corrupting influence.

Paul McDaniel  
4920 Strickland Drive  
Oxnard, CA 93036

**From:** [travelphyl@gmail.com](mailto:travelphyl@gmail.com)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Do not Repeal this law  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 11:43:19 PM

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DO NOT REPEAL THIS LAW THAT EXISTS

**County's Campaign Finance Ordinance (Agenda item 44).**

Sent from my iPhone  
Phyllis Kenton Brown  
Global Destinations Travel Ventura Travel Club  
805 279-8809  
[Travelphyl@gmail.com](mailto:Travelphyl@gmail.com)

**From:** [RALPH SCAFFIDI](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** REGISTERING OPPOSITION TO PENDING 14 MARCH PROPOSED ACTION BY THE VC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:52:27 AM

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## To THE CLERK OF THE BOARD:

I am sending this to **REGISTER MY STRONGEST OPPOSITION** to actions planned to be taken today **-TUESDAY, MARCH 14th 2023-** by members of the VC Board of Supervisors. **Specifically**, I am in **opposition to the pending proposed action by Supervisor Gorell and Supervisor Parvin, to eliminate the County's campaign finance ordinance and all of its protections, allowing contribution limits to rise from the \$750 local limit to the \$5,500 statewide limit.**

As I understand the situation, Supervisors Gorell and Parvin have stated the rationale for repeal is that the local ordinance is no longer needed, since the State limits now apply to local Ventura County election candidates. I disagree with this perspective for the following concerns and reasons:

- Allowing the limits for donations to grow from \$750 to \$5,500 per donor for County Supervisor election campaigns could be a serious threat to good government for Ventura County. A well-to-do couple would be able to donate \$11,000...significantly well above the \$1,500 local limit currently in effect.

- Such a rise in the donation limit amount could work against the average citizen's voice, since for them making comparable donations at the higher levels would most likely be much more difficult, thus threatening to reduce fair and equal campaign voicing by the broadest possible percent of Ventura County residents.

- Such a situation could grant an unfair advantage to larger privileged donors, putting grassroots supporters at an unreasonable and unfair disadvantage.

As a 37 year Ventura County resident who made my career here, this clearly does not align with the Ventura-way of doing business. The concerns of the local working- and middle-class residents need to have an equally effective voice with those of larger and more wealthy residents and business interests.

Again, I am **VOICING and REGISTERING MY STRONGEST OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSED ACTION.**

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

**RALPH P. SCAFFIDI**  
Newbury Park, California

**From:** [Renee Roth](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose #44 Repeal of spending limits  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:39:37 AM

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TO Ventura County Supervisors,

I strongly oppose the repeal of spending limits on elections in Ventura County. Local citizens need to feel they have a voice in our local elections. We must continue to limit contributions to political campaigns to \$750. We know that big money buys influence, as we have seen recently with big oil defeating a local measure to regulate local oil companies.

We must keep our local politics and our politicians clean and accountable to those who elect them.

Please vote no on the spending limit proposal of Supervisors Gorrell & Parvin.

Renee Roth  
[reneeroth@me.com](mailto:reneeroth@me.com)  
805-798-3897

**From:** [Ritch Eich](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 5:40:37 PM

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I am vehemently opposed to Item 44. Ritch Eich

**From:** [Robert Chianese](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Campaign Finance  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:07:56 AM

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Please keep the limit on contributions to campaigns as it is.  
Robert Chianese, Ventura

*Robert Chianese, Ph.D., Emeritus Prof. English, CSU Northridge  
Past President Amer Assoc for Advance of Science Pacific Div  
Fulbright Senior Specialist, columnist American Scientist magazine  
writer, poet, grandpa website: <https://islandviewmedia.net>*

From: [Ron](#)  
To: [Clerk@theboard](#)  
Subject: Campaign finance contributions  
Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 6:50:05 PM

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Dear Ventura County Supervisors,

Regarding the proposal by Supervisors Jeff Gorell and Janice Parvin to eliminate Ventura County's campaign financing ordinance and increase contribution limits from the current \$750 to \$5500:

A rotten idea to the core. Money taints politics enough as it is. At a time when campaign reform is so sorely needed, this huge donor limit increase seems a giant step backward. Please side with the best interests of the community and vote No.

Thank you for your time,

Ronald and Susan Tansky

3140 Woodgreen Court, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.

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**From:** [Russell](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item # 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:53:47 AM

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I would like to register my opposition to Item # 44, the attempt to modify Ventura's County's campaign finance law. Ventura County has long had one of the most effective campaign finance laws in the state. Our entire political system is beset by the pernicious influence of monied interests. It makes no sense to dismantle one of the last bastions against those forces. With this change the voices of average citizens will be drowned out by wealthy donors. Please convey my displeasure with this move to the Board.

Sincerely,

Russell Richardson  
355 Teloma Dr.  
Ventura, CA 93003  
805-844-4158  
[rssllrich@gmail.com](mailto:rssllrich@gmail.com)

**From:** [Rodriguez, Sabrena](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 5:22:26 AM

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Esteemed Board of Supervisors,

I write to you to respectfully request that you maintain current campaign limits for Ventura County elected positions. We all know the undue influence that political donations can have on decision-making bodies. Please retain the \$750 per person limit to ensure that the average voter's voice can be heard.

With gratitude for your time and dedication to our community,

Sabrena

Sabrena Rodriguez, President, Board of Education  
Ventura Unified School District

Regional Director, District 11, California School Board Assoc.  
255 W Stanley Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93001  
805.641.5000 x 1014  
[venturausd.org](http://venturausd.org)

**For the future of every student**

**From:** [sandy\\_capaldi](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** agenda item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:02:26 AM

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Please note my opposition to Item 44. It severely reduces transparency and gives too much influence to those that can afford to give big money to a campaign - all with the intent of influencing a Supervisor. Shame.

Sandy Capaldi  
Voting Constituent - District 4

**From:** [Sandy Matthews](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Objection #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 11:07:21 AM

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I object to item #44.  
Sandra B. Matthews  
Thousand Oaks, C 91362

**From:** [Sally Hibbitts](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda ítem 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 6:12:14 PM

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Re: Campaign Finance Issue

We strongly object to the proposed changes which Supervisors Gorrell and Parvin have suggested. Why are should you set our county on a backwards path instead of being forward thinking?

We must leave our much better ordinance in place in order to keep Big Money out of local County races. Doing away with our current ordinance will only increase money flowing into races through other avenues.

Please retain the current rules and Vote No to this change.

Thank you.

Sara and Ken Hibbitts  
3119 W. Adirondack Ct.  
Westake Village 91362

**From:** [Scott Brown](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:43:21 AM

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Dear people

The limit on campaign donations should stay where it is. The new supervisors have no reason to increase it.

Thanks,  
Scott Brown

**From:** [Severo Lara](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** opposition to item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:33:12 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I oppose changing the financial limit of the current ordinance.

I believe that money should not take away the voice of the people because by eliminating a limit will allow a few donors to control the possible outcomes.

Thank you,

Severo Lara

**From:** [Sharon Noel](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 9:56:56 PM

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I certainly oppose this action. It's an extreme jump in campaign funding and doesn't serve the best interests of anyone except Parvin and Gorrell and possibly others on the board if they vote in favor of this. Please don't jump on the bandwagon of these two supervisors. The current limit helps maintain honesty and transparency. That's what we need, hang on to that.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Noel  
Moorpark

**From:** [Sonia Sandomer](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Ventura County's limit on campaign donations  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 5:03:49 PM

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Item 44.

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> On Mar 13, 2023, at 15:51, ClerkoftheBoard <[ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org)> wrote:

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sonia Sandomer <[ssandomer@gmail.com](mailto:ssandomer@gmail.com)>

> Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:48 PM

> To: ClerkoftheBoard <[ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org)>

> Subject: Re: Ventura County's limit on campaign donations

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> How do I find out what the agenda item is? Sonia

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>> On Mar 13, 2023, at 7:45 AM, ClerkoftheBoard <[ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org)> wrote:

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>> Good morning,

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>> Please provide the agenda item number associated with your comments for inclusion in the record.

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>> Thank you,

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>> Lori

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Sonia Sandomer <[ssandomer@gmail.com](mailto:ssandomer@gmail.com)>

>> Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2023 4:30 PM

>> To: ClerkoftheBoard <[ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org)>

>> Subject: Ventura County's limit on campaign donations

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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"!

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>> Sonia Sandomer

>> ssandomer@gmail.com

>> City of Ventura Resident

>> 225 W Shoshone St

>> Ventura, Ca. 93001

**From:** [SYLVIA TAYLOR](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:15:00 AM

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We are writing in opposition to raising the contribution limits for supervisorial races in Ventura County. #44.  
Sylvia and Marc Stein

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [taihartley@aol.com](mailto:taihartley@aol.com)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard)  
**Subject:** Public Comment in Advance for 03.14.2023 Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 8:59:29 PM  
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As a resident in the city of Oxnard and a former candidate that ran for local office, I am in favor of repealing the current ordinance that will allow the adoption for an increase for individual donor contributions. At the Supervisor level, candidates need to reach a large volume of voters and should focus on campaigning by educating, and meeting with constituents rather than concentrating on fundraising. With the current low amounts this is hard to accomplish.

This would not affect how PACs continue to support candidates and aid in their campaigning outreach.

Please consider repealing the current ordinance and move forward with adopting an increase.

Kind regards,

Tai Hartley

Ventura County Taxpayers Association, Board Member

The logo for Ventura County Taxpayers Association (VCTA) features the letters 'VCTA' in a large, bold, blue font. To the left of the letters are three stylized, wavy lines in shades of blue and green, representing water or hills. Below the letters, the website address 'www.vcta.org' is written in a smaller blue font, and the phone number '(805) 236-6693' is written in a black font.  
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**From:** [Tina Atkins](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose item #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 11:31:12 AM

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As a thirty year resident of Ventura, I strongly oppose item #44. Ventura County has set national precedents in the area of community planning, greenbelt protection and so much more. Again and again Venturans prove they are community-involved and care. Item #44 will wildly disrupt that balance. I strongly object to item #44

Oppose item #44  
Tina Atkins  
4564 Dean Drive  
Ventura Ca 93003

**From:** [vroycevibber@gmail.com](mailto:vroycevibber@gmail.com)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the campaign finance ordinance intact.  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 6:14:59 PM

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03-12-2023

Clerk of the Board  
Ventura County  
[clerkoftheboard@ventura.org](mailto:clerkoftheboard@ventura.org)

To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to eliminating or changing the County's campaign finance ordinance and all of its protections. A thriving, healthy democracy depends on maximum citizen input. Particularly, raising contribution limits from \$750 to \$5500 is unwise and unfair. The average citizen's voice will be drowned out by big money donors.

Maintain local control. Keep the County campaign finance ordinance intact. Local control can apply simultaneously with state rules, as they do in many other counties.

Thank you,

Van Royce Vibber

**From:** [Vicky Clarke](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal to increase campaign contribution limit  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 5:10:38 PM

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I am writing to urge the Board to **maintain** current campaign contribution limit of \$750. Individual donors' voices will continue to be diminished the more limits on campaign contributions increase.

Currently there is a significant loss of trust and confidence in government at every level. True transparency is critical at this time. An increase in the amount of money one can contribute will further muddy the waters regarding whose interests are being served by local government.

I **strongly oppose** the proposal to increase campaign contribution limits.

Thank you for your consideration of my point of view.

Victoria Clarke  
405 West Matilija Street  
Ojai, CA 93023  
805.272.5223

**From:** [Virginia Pollack](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 6:43:29 PM

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Dear Ventura County Supervisors,

I strongly oppose Item 44 which would eliminate scrap the sensible campaign contribution limits we have enjoyed in Ventura County for years.  
Keep elections sane and vote NO.

Thank you,

Virginia Pollack  
5470 Rincon Beach Park Drive  
Ventura, CA. 93001  
80956411187

**From:** [Virginia Seaton](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:26:59 AM

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I am very opposed to item 44 for so many reasons. I love my Ventura County and do not want to see it become like Los Angeles County.

Virginia Seaton  
Simi Valley

**From:** [Wendy Gayner](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to #44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:38:48 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to place my opposition to #44 the Gorell and Parvin elimination of campaign contribution law.

This is wrong-headed and goes against the average citizen.

Thanks,  
Wendy Gayner  
3115 Breaker Dr.  
Ventura

**From:** [Wendy Plyler](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023 6:00:04 PM

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I am AGAINST eliminating Ventura County's campaign finance ordinance and all of its protections. I most strongly oppose raising the contribution limits from the \$750 local limit to the \$5,500 statewide limit.

Sincerely

Wendy Marie Plyler  
1530 Dover Ave  
ThousandOaks, CA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [William Shanbrom](#)  
**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 44  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:10:06 AM

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I am writing to register my strong opposition to item #44 on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Please do not raise campaign contribution limits in Ventura County. The existing limit helps keep the integrity of elections intact and allows the voices of local citizens to be heard over the voices of those with more money to invest in the outcome of the elections.

William Shanbrom  
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Ojai, CA 93023  
[bshanbrom@shanbrom.com](mailto:bshanbrom@shanbrom.com)