

Impartial Analysis of Measure _____
Prepared by the City Attorney

The City Council of the City of Folsom has placed Measure _____ on the November 6, 2018 ballot to amend the amount of campaign contribution limits a person may contribute to support or oppose a candidate for the Folsom City Council in an election, including contributions made to the candidate directly, as well as to candidate-controlled committees supporting or opposing such candidate.

The current campaign contribution limit in the Folsom Municipal Code was adopted by the voters of the City through a voter initiative at the June 7, 1994 election, and as such may be amended only with the approval of a majority of the voters of the City at a regular election set by state law. The current campaign contribution limit is \$150, which includes contributions made to the candidate directly, or to all committees supporting or opposing such candidate.

There is no state law requiring cities to limit the amount of campaign contributions to candidates for a local office. State law, however, does permit cities to adopt their own campaign contribution limits in municipal elections if they choose.

Measure _____, if approved by the voters, would raise the limit on the maximum amount of a campaign contribution a person may contribute in support of, or opposition to, a candidate for the Folsom City Council at an election from the current limit of \$150 to \$500. The limit would apply to contributions made to the candidate directly, and/or to candidate-controlled committees supporting or opposing a candidate for the Folsom City Council.

If passed by a simple majority vote of the voters voting on the Measure, Section 2.48.030(A) of the Folsom Municipal Code would be amended to: (1) increase the campaign contribution limit from \$150 to \$500; and (2) clarify that the contribution limit would apply to candidate-controlled committees as well. The changes would be applicable to all municipal elections after November 6, 2018.

A “yes” vote is a vote in favor of raising the campaign contribution limit from the current limit of \$150 to \$500, including and covering contributions made to the candidate directly, as well as to candidate-controlled committees supporting or opposing such candidate. A “no” vote is a vote against raising the current campaign contribution limit. To pass, this Measure must obtain at least 50% plus one of those votes cast on the Measure as “yes” votes.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a vote of the City Council.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _____. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the elections official’s office at (916) 461-6035 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. The full text of Measure _____ can also be found on the City’s website at: www.folsom.ca.us

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