

**Mia De Marzo**

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**From:** Nikki Faddick <nfaddick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:01 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Campaign Contribution Limits Agenda Item #5

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Dear Council and Mayor:

I am a Carlsbad resident and mom, writing to express my support for lower campaign contribution limits, as put forth by Councilmember Schumacher. I would support even lower limits than what she has called for; but her limits appear to be an effort to simply mitigate the outrageous amounts supported by some council members and tolerated by this city for far too long.

Campaign contribution limits are just good politics; they improve public trust in elected officials, as the appearance of “pay-for-play” is diminished; they give voters and small-dollar donors more agency, and they lower the financial bar to recruit capable candidates who may not have the typical connections to moneyed interests. Lowering campaign contribution limits is an easy way to reclaim our decision-making power at the grassroots level— the citizens who are most impacted by the council’s decisions. Higher limits drive up overall campaign costs and lock out younger or historically disadvantaged candidates, which in turn shrinks and homogenizes our candidate pool. But my fear is that this isn’t news to anyone who supports high limits. These policies run counter to the survival of a thriving democracy; one in which our ideas and our values ought to speak more loudly than the mighty dollar.

Thank you,

Nikki Faddick  
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**From:** Diana A <dra805@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Support of Agenda #5

Dear Mayor + Council Members,

First, thanks to Councilmember Schumacher for adding this to the agenda. Much appreciated!

**I support lowering the donation limits for campaign contributions.** This will allow greater access for individuals to run for elected office. It will also minimize special interests tied to political contributions & minimize excessive campaign budgets.

Councilmember Schumacher's recommendation of the following is feasible:

\$3100 limit for Mayor  
\$900 limit for City Council  
\$10,000 limit on self donations

As reference here is what other cities have applied to their contribution limits:

The city of San Diego has contribution limits of \$1200 for Mayor, and \$650 for Council Members

The city of Encinitas has contribution limits of \$250 for any municipal office

AMENDMENT TO CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 1.12 REGARDING ELECTIONS, CHAPTER 1.13 REGARDING ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURES AND CHAPTER 1.15 REGARDING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS – 1) Introduction of an ordinance amending Carlsbad Municipal Code Title 1, Chapter 1.12 – Elections; and

2) Introduction of an ordinance amending Carlsbad Municipal Code Title 1, Chapter 1.13 – Election Campaign Disclosures; and

3) Introduction of an ordinance adding Chapter 1.15 – Campaign Contribution Limits to Title 1 of the Carlsbad Municipal Code. (Staff contact: Cindie K. McMahan, City Attorney Department and Sheila Cobian, City Manager Department)

Thank you,  
Diana Aguirre  
District 3 Resident

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