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Item 15

Martinez, Ruben

From: Julie A. Tannenbaum
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 8:41 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Limits on Campaign Contributions

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Hi, I wanted to submit my comment regarding the proposal to codify no limits on campaign contributions.

This is a move in exactly the wrong direction. Money has a pernicious influence on politicians. *Limits* on contributions are good for several reasons, the most important of which are: it prevents undue influence or the appearance of influence on councilmembers; it levels the playing-field for those running thereby allowing more citizens to run for city council.

Sincerely,
Julie Tannenbaum

Resident of Pasadena

Reese, Latasha

From: Jordan Vannini
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:29 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Ordinance Codifying No Limit on Campaign Contributions

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I wish to register my objection to the City Council's recommendation to adopt Section 2.05.230 to Title 2, Article 1, Chapter 2.05 to the Pasadena Municipal Code allowing for unlimited campaign contributions to Mayoral and Council campaigns.

The \$4,900 cap on individual contributions established by AB 571 more than adequately allows affluent individuals a meaningful voice in support of mayoral and council candidates and, moreover, it is already a sum that most citizens are unable to afford in support of a candidate of their choice. To remove that cap will insure that moneyed interests will continue to drown out the voices of the citizens of our City.

AB 571 is our opportunity to implement meaningful campaign finance reform and level the playing field between wealthy special interests and average people. I urge the Council to reconsider their support of this insidious proposal.

Jordan Vannini - District 5

Jomsky, Mark

From: Gary Green
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:26 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Campaign Contribution Limits

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It has come to my attention that the Pasadena City Council is planning to vote to allow unlimited contributions to City election campaigns. In my opinion this is a horrible choice. There is enough corruption in government caused by "contributions" to office seekers. In some sense many of these gifts are actually bribes. There are many contentious issues in our city. Money should not be a factor in the approval of a development, the altering of zoning laws, the issuance of permits, etc. Eliminating the ceiling on campaign contributions would allow those with the most money to become the drivers of city policy and actions. We need ways to involve more people in the process, not ways to increase the power of the rich. They already have more than their share of power. Please, do not eliminate limits on contributions. In fact, I would like to see the limit reduced to less than \$1,000. I understand that another area city capped contributions at \$250.00 by popular vote. Perhaps Pasadena should put a reasonable limit to a vote by the people.

Sincerely,

Gary Green,