ORDINANCE NO.: 21-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD,
CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING CAMPAIGN FINANCE
CONTRIBUTION LIMITS BY ADDING SECTION 2-
247.1 (CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND
REGULATIONS) TO ARTICLE 8 (COUNCIL DISTRICTS
COUNCIL MEETINGS CITY FACILITIES) OF CHAPTER
2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE INGLEWOOD
MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Inglewood (the "City") currently does not have campaign
contribution limits or regulations; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 571 ("AB 571") imposes a default campaign contribution
limit upon cities and counties without campaign contribution limits beginning January 1, 2021;
and

WHEREAS, the default contribution limit amount is set at the same amount as for State
elected officials as that amount is adjusted by the Fair Political Practices Commission (the
"FPPC") pursuant to Government Code Sections 85301(a) and 83124, which is currently $4,700
per election; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10202 (automatically repealed on January 1, 2021)
and Government Code Section 85702.5 (effective on January 1, 2021) further permits the City
to establish its own campaign contribution limits that are different from what is established by
Government Code Sections 85301(a) and 83124; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of the City Council in enacting this Ordinance to
preserve an orderly political forum in which individuals and groups may express themselves
effectively; and

WHEREAS, based upon the forgoing, and pursuant to Government Code Section
85702.5(a), the City Council desires to establish a campaign contribution limit that is different
from what is established by Government Code Sections 85301(a) and 83124 by adding Section
2-247.1 (Campaign Contribution Limits and Regulations) to Article 8 (Council District Council Meetings City Facilities) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Inglewood Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

A new Section 2-247.1 (Campaign Contribution Limits and Regulations) to Article 8 (Council District Council Meetings City Facilities) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Inglewood Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to encourage public confidence in the political process and to prevent corruption and the appearance of corruption by limiting the source and amount of contributions that may be made to candidates and committees controlled by candidates for elective offices.

B. Definitions.

Except as more specifically provided herein, the definitions set forth in the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code sections 81000 et seq., as amended) shall govern interpretation of this Section and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

"City Election" shall mean any primary, general, or special election, including a recall election, held within the City of Inglewood for elective City offices. Each primary, general, or special election is a separate election for purposes of this Section.

"Elective Office" shall mean members of the Inglewood City Council, the Inglewood City Clerk, and/or the Inglewood City Treasurer.

"Person" shall have the same definition as "person" in California Government Code Section 82047, as it may be amended from time to time, and which currently provides as follows: "an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert."
C. Campaign Contribution Limits.

1. A Person shall not make to a candidate for Elective Office, or a committee controlled by that candidate, and a candidate for Elective Office, or a committee controlled by that candidate, shall not accept from a Person, a contribution totaling more than one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) for a single election.

2. The City Council may adjust the contribution limit set forth in Subsection “C” of this Section in January of every odd-numbered year, commencing in 2023, to reflect any increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers. Those adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars ($100).

D. Contribution Limits to Other Candidates.

A candidate for Elective Office or a committee controlled by that candidate shall not make any contribution to any other Elective Office candidate in excess of the limits set forth in Subsection “C.”

E. Limits on Transfers of Contributions.

A candidate for Elective Office may transfer campaign funds from one controlled committee to a controlled committee for Elective Office of the same candidate. Contributions transferred shall be attributed to specific contributors using a “last in, first out” or “first in, first out” accounting method, and these attributed contributions when aggregated with all other contributions from the same contributor shall not exceed the limits set forth in Subsection “C.”

F. Limitations on Campaign Loans.

1. The provisions of this Subsection “F” regarding loans apply to extensions of credit, but do not apply to loans made to a candidate for Elective Office by a commercial lending institution in the lender’s regular course of business on terms available to members of the general public for which the candidate is personally liable.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of Subsection “F”, a candidate for Elective Office shall not personally loan to the candidate’s campaign, including the proceeds of a loan obtained by the candidate from a commercial lending institution, an amount, the outstanding balance of which exceeds one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000). A candidate for Elective
Office shall not charge interest on any loan the candidate made to the candidate’s campaign.

G. Contributions After Election.

A contribution for an election may be accepted by a candidate for Elective Office after the date of the election only to the extent that the contribution does not exceed net debts outstanding from the election, and the contribution does not otherwise exceed the applicable contribution limit for that election in accordance with Subsection “C.”

H. Limits on Carry-Over of Contributions.

Notwithstanding Subsection “E,” a candidate for Elective Office may carry over contributions raised in connection with one election for Elective Office to pay campaign expenditures incurred in connection with a subsequent election for the same Elective Office.

I. Contributions Before an Election.

A candidate for Elective Office may raise contributions for a general election before the primary election, and for a special general election before a special primary election, for the same Elective Office if the candidate sets aside these contributions and uses these contributions for the general election or special general election. If the candidate for Elective Office is defeated in the primary election or special general election, or otherwise withdraws from the general election or special general election, the general election or special general election funds shall be refunded to the contributors on a pro rata basis less any expenses associated with the raising and administration of general election or special general election contributions. Candidates for Elective Office may establish separate campaign contribution accounts for the primary and general elections or special primary and special general elections.

SECTION 2.

Any provision of the City of Inglewood Municipal Code or appendices thereto, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 3.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of any competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each and every Section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the Ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4.

The City Clerk shall certify to the introduction, approval, passage, and adoption of this Ordinance by the City Council and shall cause the same to be published in accordance with the City Charter, and thirty days from the final passage and adoption, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Inglewood City Council, this 17th day of November, 2020.

Passed and Adopted at a regular meeting of the Inglewood City Council, this 24th day of November, 2020.

CITY OF INGLEWOOD:

[Signature]
James T. Butts, Jr.,
Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Yvonne Horton,
City Clerk
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)  
CITY OF INGLEWOOD  

I, YVONNE HORTON, City Clerk of the City of Inglewood, California do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the CITY COUNCIL of said city is five; that the foregoing ordinance being Ordinance No. 21-02 is the full, true and correct original of Ordinance No. 21-02 of the said City of Inglewood, California entitled;

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which was duly passed and adopted by the said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor of said city, and attested by the City Clerk of said City, all at a meeting of said Council held on the 24th day of November, 2020 and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members, Dotson, Padilla, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Butts, Jr.; and
Noes: None.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said City the 8th day of December, 2020.

(SEAL)

City Clerk of the City of Inglewood