ORDINANCE NO. 21-972

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS OF THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974 AS APPLICABLE IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE

WHEREAS, the City of La Puente is a general law city under California Government Code Section 34102; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution provides that the City of La Puente ("City") may make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act of 1974 ("Act") prohibits a person, other than a small contributor committee or political party committee, from making to a candidate for elective state office, for statewide elective office, or for the office of Governor, and prohibits those candidates from accepting from a person, a contribution totaling more than a specified amount per election; and

WHEREAS, existing law authorizes a County, City, or District to limit campaign contributions in local elections; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 571 ("Bill") amended the Act on January 1, 2021 to prohibit a person from making to a candidate for elective county or city office, and would prohibit a candidate for elective county or city office from accepting from a person, a contribution totaling more than the amount set forth in the act for limitations on contributions to a candidate for elective state office; and

WHEREAS, the Bill authorizes a County or City to impose a limitation that is different from the limitation imposed by the Bill; and

WHEREAS, the Bill would make specified provisions of the Act relating to contribution limitations applicable to a candidate for an Elective County or City Office, except as specified.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings.

The City Council finds that the above Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. La Puente Municipal Code Amendment.

Section 40 of Chapter 2.32 (Municipal Elections) of the La Puente Municipal Code is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

"2.32.040 Campaign Contribution Limits

Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974, the campaign contribution limits set forth in the Government Code are applicable in the City of La Puente. Sections 85301, 85305, 85306, 85307, 85315, 85316, 85317, 85318, and 85702.5 of the Government Code are hereby incorporated by reference herein."

Section 3. CEQA Findings.

The City Council finds that the Ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Code of Regulations CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that it is no possibility it may have significant effect on the environment.

Section 4. Clerical Errors.

The City Council directs the City Clerk to correct any clerical errors found in this Ordinance including, but not limited to, typographical errors, irregular numbering and incorrect section references.

Section 5. Severability.

Should any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; it being hereby expressly declared that this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, and ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional.

Section 6. Effective Date.

In accordance with California Government Code section 36937, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from passage and adoption.

Section 7. Publication.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published and posted as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

COUNCILMEMBERS: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Lewis, Quinones

NOES:

COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN:

COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Charles Klinakis Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheryl Garcia, City Clerk