



Town of Yountville

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Staff Report

Agenda Item #: {{section.number}}B

Yountville Town Council Staff Report

DATE: April 5, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Steve Rogers, Town Manager

PREPARED BY: Steve Rogers, Town Manager

SUBJECT:

Consideration of request from Council Member Knight to schedule a formal council agenda item to request consideration of establishing a local Town of Yountville campaign contribution limit rather than use State limit as allowed under AB571.

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

At the March 1, 2022 Town Attorney Gary Bell recently presented an overview of AB 571 which governs local government campaign contribution limits for local elections. Effective January 1, 2021 AB 571 puts in place a state campaign contribution limit that will by default apply to city/town and county candidates when that local jurisdiction has not already enacted a local contribution limit. The current contribution default limit which will be updated periodically for inflation has been set at \$4,900 per election.

A copy of the FPPC fact sheet on AB 571 Contribution Limits for City and County Candidates is also attached as a part of this report.

Previously the Town Council discussed and determined it did not want to establish a local government campaign contribution limit that was different from the State default limit.

The Town Council Protocols provide guidance on placing items on an agenda as follows:

9.2 Agenda 9.2.1 Placing Items on the Agenda

Public Comment - During public comment or by prior correspondence with a Council Member, a member of the public may request that the Council consider an item on a future agenda. A majority of Council Members present must consent to this request.

Council Meeting Reports, Comments and Agenda Item Requests – During this Agenda Item, Council Members may request an item be considered on a future agenda. A majority of Council Members present must consent to this request. Placing items on the agenda for initial review shall not exceed 1 to 2 hours of time for the Town Manager or his/her designee. Review requiring more than two hours shall be agendaized for Council consideration and shall be approved by a majority of the Council. Council may provide direction regarding the scope and time for review for items that are not part of the current budget priorities approved by Council.

Communications that do not directly relate to the conduct of business for the Town of Yountville shall be provided to the Council on an informational basis only. Such communications may be placed on a Council Agenda upon

request of a majority of the Council Members.

The Town Council Protocols outline the process for a Council Member under 9.3.10 Council Meeting Reports and Requests for Placing Items on the Agenda provides that “ During this Agenda Item, Council Members may request an item be considered on a future agenda. A majority of Council Members present must consent to this request. Refer to Section 9.2.1 Placing Items on the Agenda.”

Consistent with the Town Council Protocols Council Member Knight has submitted a request that the Town Council consider placing an agenda item on a future council agenda to discuss establishing local Yountville campaign contribution limits rather than use the State default campaign contribution limit. Council Member Knight has prepared an outline as a part of his request which is attached to this report.

Please note that the action before you is only to have a discussion about adding the topic of modifying local campaign contribution limits to a futureTown Council agenda and not a discussion on the topic itself.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

Is it Currently Budgeted? N/A

Where is it Budgeted? N/A

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Is item Identified in Strategic Plan? No

If yes, Identify Strategic Goal and Objective. N/A

Briefly Explain Relationship to Strategic Plan Goal and Objective. N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Per Town Council Protocols, this is a Town Council policy direction determination. If the Town Council takes action to add to a future agenda staff respectfully requests feedback and direction as to what information the Town Council would like to see included in that future report.