

Campaign Contribution Limits

Here is a general overview of the City of Oxnard's Campaign Contribution Limits.

Contributions to a candidate or a candidate-controlled committee formed to support or oppose a particular candidate are subject to the contribution limits in Oxnard City Code sections 2-243 and 2-244. A person may contribute a maximum of \$564 to a candidate for City Council, or a maximum of \$845 to a candidate for Mayor, City Clerk, or City Treasurer.

Contributions to a candidate-controlled general-purpose committee not formed to support or oppose any specific candidate or ballot measures are subject to the contribution limits in City Code sections 2-243 and 2-244. A person may contribute \$564 to a committee controlled by a candidate for City Council, or \$845 to a committee controlled by a candidate for Mayor, City Clerk, or City Treasurer.

A candidate may contribute an unlimited amount to his or her own campaign for public office. Measure B does not limit a candidate's ability to spend personal funds on his or her campaign pursuant to the United States Supreme Court case of *Buckley v. Valeo* (1976) 424 U.S. 1. A candidate may also contribute an unlimited amount to a committee formed to support his or her campaign for public office consistent with Government Code section 85301, subdivision (d).

Finally, contributions to any committee formed to support or oppose a ballot measure, including a candidate-controlled committee, are **not** subject to the contribution limits in City Code sections 2-243 and 2-244 under *Citizens Against Rent Control/Coalition for Fair Housing v. City of Berkeley, Cal.* (1981) 454 U.S. 290. There are no limitations on the amount a person or candidate can contribute to a ballot-measure committee.

The campaign contribution limits are adjusted every two years based upon increases in the consumer price index.

For more specific details, please refer to the Oxnard City Code.