

RESOLUTION  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, members of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District serve in a nonpartisan elected role setting policy for the District in furtherance of its educational mission;

**WHEREAS**, there is a broad diversity of students who enroll at the college reflecting diversity of thought as well as individual backgrounds and characteristics and the District seeks to support the success of all of its students;

**WHEREAS**, the District is a diverse community with many talented and experienced residents who could become excellent trustees and diversity of thought and experience among the trustees can assist the Board in its policy-making role;

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of Chapter 566 Statutes of 2019 (AB 571) states, in part, that “The Legislature finds and declares . . . (d) In counties and cities in this state that have not imposed limitations on contributions, candidates for elective office in those jurisdictions sometimes raise 40 percent or more of their total campaign funds from a single contributor. (e) A system allowing unlimited contributions to a candidate for elective county or city office creates the risk and the perception that elected officials in those jurisdictions are beholden to their contributors and will act in the best interest of those contributors at the expense of the people”;

**WHEREAS**, in recent years there has been a very significant increase in the amounts of money contributed to campaigns, including trustee campaigns, and many potential trustee candidates can be deterred from running for office by the prospect of having to raise large amounts of money;

**WHEREAS**, each trustee is elected from one of seven areas within the District with approximately equal populations and serves for a term of four years;

**WHEREAS**, Education Code Section 72029 provides that “The governing board of a community college may by resolution limit campaign expenditures or contributions in elections to district offices”;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board wishes to encourage qualified candidates to run for the nonpartisan office of trustee without the barrier of raising large sums of money to compete in such an election and without the perception that any candidate is beholden to any contributor or contributors; and

**RESOLVED** that all of the following limits shall hereby apply to all candidates for trustee, and all sitting trustees in the Santa Barbara Community College District:

1. No individual, corporate or other entity, or affiliated entity, including a small contributor

committee, a controlled committee, a political party committee or Political Action Committee, may contribute more than \$200.00 or in kind services to the campaign of a candidate seeking to be elected as a trustee for this District. No foreign entity or individual may contribute any amount to a campaign for District trustee

2. No candidate shall accept any amount of money or In Kind Services for their campaign for trustee that exceed the limits in violation of the limitations in this Resolution including all funds raised before or after the candidate has formally filed as a candidate during the relevant filing period, and after the election, and also including funds previously raised by the candidate and transferred from another controlled committee.
3. The contribution limit of \$200.00 applies to and includes the fair market value of the provision of In Kind Services and/or benefits such as printing, professional election advice or the inclusion on a “slate” or “doorhanger”, media advertisement, or other literature together with other candidates (collectively “In Kind Services”), with fair market value calculated by the actual cost to the candidate if they had purchased or produced, paid for and distributed such In Kind Services entirely at their own expense. A public forum or debate to which all candidates are invited, and press coverage or endorsements where all trustee candidates are eligible, are not a campaign contribution subject to the \$200.00 limit.
4. The campaign contribution limit of \$200.00 also applies to the candidate’s own monetary contribution to his or her campaign and any loan to the candidate or by the candidate to the campaign, except that the cost of a campaign statement included in the official ballot may be paid for by the candidate without being subject to the \$200.00 limit.
5. The total maximum amount of all campaign contributions from all sources collected by each trustee candidate, including In Kind Services shall not exceed \$6000.00.
6. Each trustee candidate shall, in addition to filing all required financial campaign reports with the State and County shall provide a copy of such reports to the Superintendent/President of the college as well as a separate report by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month listing all contributions in the previous months, their source and amount and all In Kind Services and specifically demonstrating compliance with this Resolution. The Superintendent/President shall publish this Resolution and all such reports on the college website in a location easily accessible to the public. The District shall hold and publicize at least one public forum and invite all trustee candidates.
7. The Superintendent/President shall transmit copies of this Resolution and its limitations on campaign contributions to the Santa Barbara County Elections Office and the County Superintendent of Schools together with the Order of Elections Resolution for each Trustee election.

**RESOLVED** that in the event that any part of this Resolution is found by the courts to be unconstitutional, that language shall be deleted and all other parts shall remain in effect.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the SANTA BARBARA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Concur:

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Dr. Utpal K. Goswami, Superintendent/President and  
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees