

Public Comments

Agenda Item #7



March 22, 2021
City Council Meeting

FW: Regarding Agenda item #7

Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Mon 3/22/2021 4:18 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

From: Blue and Julie [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:58 PM

To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Woodhouse, Kevin <woodhousek@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Subject: Regarding Agenda item #7

[CAUTION: External Email]

Please keep the ordinance passed in 2017 that requires greater transparency for our local elections regarding campaign contributions. **Please take no action to weaken those restrictions. It was widely supported by our Pacifica community and there is no reason to change that. Please take no action.**

Thank you,

Julie Starobin
Pacific Manor

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FW: Agenda item #7 - Campaign Contribution Limits and Reporting and Disclosure Regulations in Local Elections

Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Mon 3/22/2021 4:19 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

From: Joanne Gold [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:02 PM

To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Woodhouse, Kevin <woodhousek@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Subject: Agenda item #7 - Campaign Contribution Limits and Reporting and Disclosure Regulations in Local Elections

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am contacting you regarding the proposed action (Agenda item # 7 on tonight's City Council meeting) regarding campaign contribution regulations for candidates for elective City offices in local elections, relating to campaign contribution limits, electronic filing of campaign disclosure statements and publication of campaign contributions. (ie: City of Pacifica Ordinance 820-C.)

As a concerned citizen and active, informed voter, I would strongly object to any actions which would reduce the transparency of campaign contributions in our local elections. Now more than ever before, it would be inconceivable that any ethical elected official would even consider taking steps which might limit or reduce the disclosure of information to voters. I sincerely hope you would agree.

Thank you in advance for working to ensure that our City and it's elected officials operate with the utmost integrity, and maintain the highest possible standards to serve this community.

Respectfully,

Joanne Gold

[REDACTED] Pacifica

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Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

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To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

From: Blue Murov [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:05 PM

To: Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Woodhouse, Kevin <woodhousek@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

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Dear Council Members and staff,

I am against the rescinding of Ordinance 820. It provides the necessary transparency in elections that is vital to democratic process. Please leave it be.

Thanks,
Blue Murov

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FW: Ordinance (O.820) that requires greater transparency for our local elections

Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Mon 3/22/2021 4:47 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

From: Dan Underhill [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:47 PM

To: Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Subject: Ordinance (O.820) that requires greater transparency for our local elections

[CAUTION: External Email]

Hello City Clerk Coffeys;

I am writing to be on the record as favoring Ordinance (O.820) that requires greater transparency for our local elections. Nothing should be allowed to weaken it in any way. Citizens of Pacifica NEED this information to vote wisely. Anyone seeking less transparency is suspect and probably up to no good. The very idea sounds like a power play by people who hope to do their dirty work in secret. If they aren't proud of what they are doing they should probably stop doing it.

Thank You,
Dan B. Underhill

[REDACTED]

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FW: Leave O. 820 alone

Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Mon 3/22/2021 4:52 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

From: Pete Shoemaker [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:52 PM

To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Woodhouse, Kevin <woodhousek@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Subject: Leave O. 820 alone

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Re: Agenda Item #7 - Campaign Contribution Limits and Reporting and Disclosure Regulations in Local Elections

I respectfully recommend the alternate action option of taking "no action and staff will continue to collect and publish in accordance with those requirements" (of Ordinance 820).

Pete Shoemaker

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FW: March 22 Agenda Item #7 - Campaign Contribution Limits etc

Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Mon 3/22/2021 5:05 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

From: Celeste Langille [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 5:00 PM

To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Cc: Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Subject: Re: March 22 Agenda Item #7 - Campaign Contribution Limits etc

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Dear Council,

I am writing to request that you follow the City Council Goals and Work Plan and take action on Agenda item #7 that prioritizes restoring trust in city government by expanding communication, and building community, in addition to prioritizing transparency at all government levels.

Specifically with regards to the Staff Report action/summary of direction requested under subheading #3:

With respect to Publication of Campaign Contributions, provide direction to the City Manager on the Council's preference with respect to the following options. Please choose Option C - take no further action and continue to apply the publication provisions imposed by Ordinance 820

Ordinance 820 represents restoring trust in city government. A vote to rescind this important Ordinance is not in keeping with our city's goals.

Thank you,
Celeste Langille

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Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Mon 3/22/2021 5:04 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

From: James Kremer [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:55 PM

To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Cc: Woodhouse, Kevin <woodhousek@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Subject: Re: Agenda Item #7

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I just became aware of this. Forgive this copy of someone else's wording - i strongly agree:

Re: Agenda Item #7 - Campaign Contribution Limits and Reporting and Disclosure Regulations in Local Elections

I respectfully recommend the alternate action option of taking "no action and staff will continue to collect and publish in accordance with those requirements" (of Ordinance 820).

In a time when truthful information is becoming harder and harder to distinguish, Ordinance 820 provides campaign contribution transparency that is hard to access for most citizens. I believe the publication requirements for campaign contributions required by City Ordinance 820 supplies the truth and clarity that our community craves.

Thank you for your service to our community.

-- Jim Kremer

James Kremer
Pacifica, CA
[REDACTED]

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To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandy M <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 5:18 PM

To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Woodhouse, Kevin <woodhousek@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

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Thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Sandy Mills

[REDACTED]
Pacifica, CA 94044

Sent from my iPhone

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Mon 3/22/2021 5:21 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

From: Stan Zeavin [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 5:07 PM

To: Mike O'Neill <michael.j.oneill@sbcglobal.net>; Vaterlaus, Sue <vaterlauss@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Beckmeyer, Sue <beckmeyers@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Bier, Mary <bierm@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

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Hi Sarah,

Please distribute to all council. I was unable to find an address for Tyger....

Re: Agenda Item #7 - Campaign Contribution Limits and Reporting and Disclosure Regulations in Local Elections

Honorable Council:

I respectfully recommend the alternate action option of taking "NO ACTION and staff will continue to collect and publish in accordance with those requirements" (of Ordinance 820). The existing ordinance is absolutely necessary. HIDING sources of contributions must be avoided.

In a time when truthful information is becoming harder and harder to distinguish, Ordinance 820 provides campaign contribution transparency that is difficult to access for most citizens. The publication requirements for campaign contributions required by City Ordinance 820 supplies necessary truth and clarity that our community needs.

Thank you for your service.

Margaret Goodale

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FW: 0.820

Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Tue 3/23/2021 8:38 AM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

From: nancy yeeting [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:53 PM

To: Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Subject: 0.820

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Please take no action and keep the requirements that require greater transparency on our local elections campaign contributions.

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