

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 8, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Initiate Amendments to Ordinance 913 Requiring Electronic Campaign Finance Disclosure

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an order initiating amendments to Ordinance 913 to make it consistent with state filing requirements; and
2. Direct the Registrar of Voters to work collaboratively with County Counsel to prepare and process the amendments.

**BACKGROUND:**

The goal of the electronic reporting ordinance (Ordinance 913) was to create a system that mimicked the state to require candidates and committees to file electronically to increase transparency and reduce expenses. Following the adoption of Ordinance 913, feedback from campaign treasurers alerted us to the fact that language in the ordinance exceeded state electronic reporting requirements. The following issues were reported:

1. Ordinance sets reporting thresholds for expenditures where the state does not set such thresholds
2. Ordinance would require individual donors or companies to become a committee and file semi-annual reports electronically once they give \$5,000 or more in a calendar year. These individuals and businesses would then have to continue filing even if they never gave another contribution

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Technical amendments. No fiscal impact.

  
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**John J. Benoit**  
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