

1 ORDINANCE NO. 913.1

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3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
4 AMENDING ORDINANCE 913 REQUIRING ELECTRONIC  
5 CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE  
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7 The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 2. of Ordinance 913 is amended to read as follows:

9 “PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to require online electronic filing of  
10 campaign statements and require online reporting of contributions and independent  
11 expenditures regarding elections of Candidates to County offices and the  
12 qualification or passage of local ballot measures within the County of Riverside in  
13 addition to paper filing as currently required under the Political Reform Act,  
14 (commencing with California Government Code Section 84200 et seq.) in order to  
15 facilitate review and maximize the availability of this information to the public.”

16 Section 2. Subsection b.2. of Section 5. of Ordinance 913 is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 “Makes Independent Expenditures totaling five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more  
19 in any calendar year.”

20 Section 3. Subsection b.3. of Section 5. of Ordinance 913 is repealed in its entirety.

21 Section 4. Subsection h. of Section 5. of Ordinance 913 is repealed in its entirety.

22 Section 5. Subsection j. of Section 5. of Ordinance 913 is amended to read as follows:

23 “Independent Expenditure means an expenditure made by any Person including a  
24 payment of public moneys by a state or local governmental agency, in connection  
25 with a communication which expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly  
26 identified Candidate or the qualification, passage or defeat of a clearly identified  
27 measure, or taken as a whole and in context, unambiguously urges a particular  
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1 result in an Election but which is not made to or at the behest of the affected  
2 Candidate or Committee.

3 Section 6. Existing subsections i., j., k., and l. of Section 5. of Ordinance 913 are  
4 relettered subsections h., i., j., and k. respectively.

5 Section 7. Subsection a. of Section 7. Of Ordinance 913 is amended to read as follows:  
6 “Each Candidate, Candidate Controlled Committee and Independent Committee  
7 that is required to file a semi-annual campaign statement, a pre-election campaign  
8 statement, or an amended campaign statement with the Registrar of Voters County  
9 Elections pursuant to the Political Reform Act, and that receives a total of five  
10 thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more in Contributions or makes a total of five  
11 thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more in Independent Expenditures, shall additionally  
12 and simultaneously file the same information with the Registrar of Voters in an  
13 electronic format.”

14 Section 8. Subsection b.1. of Section 7. of Ordinance 913 is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 “A report disclosing a Contribution received by or made to a Candidate or local  
17 ballot measure or an Independent Expenditure made for or against a Candidate or  
18 local ballot measure, of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more during an Election  
19 Cycle. The report shall be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the Independent  
20 Expenditure or receipt of the Contribution.”

21 Section 9. Subsection b.2. of Section 7. Of Ordinance 913 is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 “A report disclosing a Contribution received by or made to a Candidate or local  
24 ballot measure, or an Independent Expenditure made for or against a Candidate or  
25 local ballot measure, of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more at any time other  
26 than during an Election Cycle. The report shall be filed within ten (10) business  
27 days of the Independent Expenditure or receipt of the Contribution.”  
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1                    Section 10.    This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

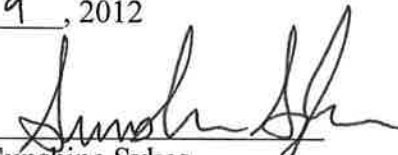
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3                    BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY  
4                    OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

5                    By: \_\_\_\_\_  
6                    Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors

7    ATTEST:  
8    CLERK OF THE BOARD

9    By: \_\_\_\_\_  
10                  Deputy  
11                  (SEAL)

12    APPROVED AS TO FORM  
13    May 9, 2012

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15    By: \_\_\_\_\_  
16                  Sunshine Sykes  
17                  Deputy County Counsel

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



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 15, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 913.1 Amending Ordinance No. 913 Requiring Electronic Campaign Finance Disclosure.

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

- 1) Introduce and adopt in successive meetings Ordinance No. 913.1, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 913;
- 2) Find that the adoption of Ordinance No. 913.1 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment;
- 3) Direct the Clerk of the Board to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for posting.

**BACKGROUND:** The goal of the electronic reporting ordinance, Ordinance No. 913 was to supplement the Political Reform Act by requiring electronic reporting of contributions and expenditures regarding elections of candidates for county offices and passage of local ballot measures within the county. The purpose was to increase transparency and reduce expenses.

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JOHN J. BENOIT, Vice-Chairman of the Board

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: Tavaglione  
Date: May 15, 2012  
xc: Supvr. Benoit, COB, Recorder

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: County of Riverside  
4080 Lemon Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

To:  X  Office of the County Clerk & Recorder

Project Title: Ordinance No. 913.1, Amending Ordinance No. 913 Requiring Electronic Campaign Finance Disclosure

Project Location: Riverside County

Project Description: Ordinance No. 913.1

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Riverside

Project Sponsor: Supervisor John J. Benoit

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption: (Sec. 15061(b)(3), 15060(c)(2))
- Statutory Exemption:
- Other:

Reasons why project is exempt: Ordinance No. 913.1 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) because the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Further, Ordinance No. 913.1 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed ordinance merely requires electronic reporting of contributions and expenditures in relation to elections of candidates for county offices and passage of local ballot measures within the county. This action will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, nor will it have a significant effect on the environment.

Board of Supervisors  
County Contact Person

951-955-1069  
Phone Number

Signature: [Signature] Title: Board Assistant Date: 5-17-12

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