

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



FROM: Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Initiation of Amendment to Ordinance No. 913.1 Requiring Electronic Campaign Finance Disclosure

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an order initiating an amendment to Ordinance No 913.1 that would implement the provisions of Government Code 84615 and Assembly Bill 2452 and that would amend Section 7(b)(2) of Ordinance 913.1 to require electronic reporting of a contribution received by or made to a Candidate or local ballot measure, or an Independent Expenditure made for or against a Candidate or local ballot measure of one-thousand dollars or more at any time other than during an Election cycle.
2. Direct the Registrar of Voters and County Counsel to prepare and process the ordinance amendment.

BACKGROUND: The goal of the electronic reporting ordinance, Ordinance 913.1, 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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Riverside County Supervisor

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	12/13

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

Consent Policy
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Dep't Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Departmental Concurrence

On January 1, 2013 Assembly Bill 2452 went into effect adding Government Code 84615 which allows a local government agency to require an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file statements, reports, or other documents, except an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person who receives contributions totaling less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and makes expenditures totaling less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), in a calendar year, to file those statements, reports, or other documents online or electronically with a local filing officer. The new law also prescribes criteria that must be satisfied by a local government agency that requires online or electronic filing of statements, reports, or other documents, as specified, including, among others, that the system be available free of charge to filers and to the public for viewing filings, and that the system include a procedure for filers to comply with the requirement that they sign statements and reports under penalty of perjury.

In order to implement the provisions of Government Code 84615 and Assembly Bill 2452 the County must adopt an ordinance approving the use of online or electronic filing, which shall include a legislative finding that the online or electronic filing system will operate securely and effectively and will not unduly burden filers. Ordinance No. 913.1 needs to be amended to include the new provisions of Government Code 84615 and Assembly Bill 2452.

In addition, Ordinance 913.1 currently requires electronic reporting of a contribution received by or made to a Candidate or local ballot measure, or an Independent Expenditure made for or against a Candidate or local ballot measure of five-thousand dollars or more at any time other than during an Election cycle. The threshold amount will be amended to a contribution of one-thousand dollars or more to allow greater transparency.