

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



FROM: Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 8, 2013

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 913.2 Amending Ordinance No. 913.1 Requiring Electronic Campaign Finance Disclosure for Candidates for county offices and passage of local ballot measures.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Introduce and adopt in successive meetings Ordinance No. 913.2, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 913.1;
- 2) Find that the adoption of Ordinance No. 913.2 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 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.

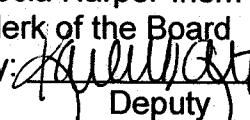
On January 1, 2013 Assembly Bill 2452 went into effect adding Government Code 84615 which allows a local government agency to require an elected officer, candidate, committee, or other person required to file statements, reports, or other documents, except an elected officer, candidate, committee, or 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.

Kevin Jeffries  
Supervisor, 1st District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above ordinance is approved as introduced with waiver of reading.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 8, 2013  
xc: Supvr. Jeffries, Recorder, COB

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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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.

The amended Ordinance 913.2 will continue to apply only to passage of local ballot measures within the county and elections of candidates for the following county offices: County Supervisor; County Assessor, Clerk & Recorder; Auditor-Controller; District Attorney; Sheriff, Coroner & Public Administrator; Treasurer & Tax Collector; County Superintendent of Schools; Superior Court Judge.