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**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-48**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING A  
VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN FINANCE LIMIT FOR CITY ELECTIVE  
OFFICES**

**WHEREAS,** there is an interest in encouraging qualified candidates to participate in local government and seek City elective offices; and

**WHEREAS,** concerns over the amount of funds necessary to be raised and spent for a successful election may deter potential candidates; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2017-2019 City Council Strategic Plan includes the strategy of establishing a voluntary campaign finance limit for city elections with the interest in working towards achieving the goal to facilitate government accountability; and

**WHEREAS,** voluntary campaign finance limits can enhance the possibility for a broad array of candidates; and

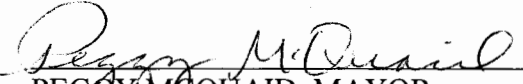
**WHEREAS,** by establishing a voluntary campaign finance limit the City Council wishes to encourage candidates to run for City elective offices and discourage excessive campaign contributions and expenditures; and

**WHEREAS,** each candidate seeking elective office for either the office of City Council or City Treasurer shall have the choice of accepting or rejecting the voluntary campaign finance limits and submit such statement as part of the nomination paperwork when filing for candidacy.

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council hereby  
2 adopts a voluntary campaign finance limit for City elective offices in the amount of  
3 \$6,000.  
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5           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Voluntary Campaign Finance Limit  
6 Statement form attached hereto shall be included as part of the nomination packet to all  
7 candidates seeking City elective office, and all candidates must file the form no later than  
8 the set deadline for filing nomination papers.  
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10          **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the expressed voluntary campaign finance  
11 limit may be amended in the future as needed by Resolution of the City Council.  
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15 PEGGY MCQUAID, MAYOR  
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18 Attachment:  
19 Voluntary Campaign Finance Limit Statement  
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## VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN FINANCE LIMIT STATEMENT

In accordance with City Council Resolution No. 2018-48, the City Council has established a voluntary campaign finance limit. The intent of the voluntary campaign finance limit is to discourage excessive campaign contributions and expenditures. By filing this statement, a candidate for the City elective office of the City Council or City Treasurer shall accept or reject the applicable voluntary limit as follows:

<u>City Elective Office</u>	<u>Campaign Finance Limit</u>
City Council Member	\$6,000
City Treasurer	\$6,000

Candidates must file this form no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers.

Candidates who accept the voluntary campaign finance limit are encouraged to include a statement that they have agreed to the voluntary spending limits in campaign materials.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Print Name

Candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Office sought

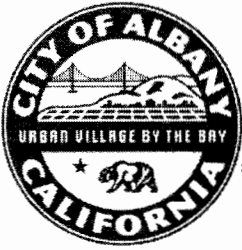
**accept** the voluntary campaign finance limit applicable to the office I am seeking. I understand that this means I shall not raise or spend more than \$6,000 on my campaign (excluding the cost of the candidate statement fee).

**reject** the voluntary campaign finance limit applicable to the office I am seeking.

**I understand that once filed, this statement cannot be withdrawn. I further understand that the agreement to accept the voluntary campaign finance limit shall pertain to all expenditures and contributions incurred by me/my committee in support of my candidacy and shall include such expenditures and contributions which I/my committee is required to report pursuant to the California Political Reform Act, whether those expenditures are made before or after the election. I further understand that if I accept the voluntary campaign expenditure limit, I must notify the City Clerk immediately upon discovering any failure to abide by this agreement.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

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Date



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## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-48

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 16th day of April, 2018, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Nason, Pilch and Mayor McQuaid

NOES:

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

17th day of April, 2018.

Eileen Harrington  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK