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MEASURE B

The Oxnard Government Accountability and Ethics Act

WHAT IS THE BALLOT MEASURE?

OFFICIAL MEASURE B BALLOT QUESTION	
OXNARD GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND ETHICS ACT. To increase fiscal accountability, prevent special interest influence/political conflicts of interest, improve City ethics, governance, transparency without new City powers, shall Oxnard City Code be amended to prohibit elected officials from accepting gifts from lobbyists/City contractors; impose campaign contribution limits on candidates for all elected office; limit Mayor/Councilmembers to three consecutive four-year terms, require posting monthly financial reports and all expensive City contracts on City's website for public review?	YES NO

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Measure B

If approved, would amend Oxnard City Code to:

1. **Prohibit elected City officials and Planning Commissioners from accepting gifts from lobbyists or contractors**
2. **Impose contribution limits on candidates running for Mayor, City Council, City Clerk or City Treasurer**
3. **Require posting of specific City contracts and financial reports on City's website**
4. **Update term limits for the City Council and Mayor, and change the Mayor's term from two to four years**

MEASURE B | WHAT IT IS

1 PROHIBIT ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS FROM ACCEPTING GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS OR CONTRACTORS

- ✓ Makes Oxnard's ethical standards clear.
- ✓ No one is beholden to anyone else.
- ✓ Prevents seeking contracts or gaining favor through gifts.

MEASURE B | WHAT IT *IS NOT*

1 PROHIBIT ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS FROM ACCEPTING GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS OR CONTRACTORS

Measure B ***does not*** impact your ability to communicate with your elected officials.

You are free to contact your local representatives with your ideas and opinions.

MEASURE B | WHAT IT IS....

2 IMPOSE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS ON CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY CLERK OR CITY TREASURER

- ✓ Will impose campaign contribution limits for the first time in Oxnard.
- ✓ Contribution limits help remove the risk and the perception that elected officials are beholden to their contributors.
- ✓ In cities without limitations on contributions, candidates sometimes raise more than 40% or more of their total campaign funds from a single contributor.*
- ✓ In recent years, there have been examples of $50,000, $100,000, and even $244,000 contributions to candidates for local office from donors with business before that local government. Such massive campaign contributions create a serious risk of actual or perceived corruption.*

**California State Legislature*
AB-571 Political Reform Act of 1974: contribution limits

MEASURE B | WHAT IT *IS NOT*

2 IMPOSE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS ON CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY CLERK OR CITY TREASURER

Measure B ***does not*** restrict your First Amendment rights.

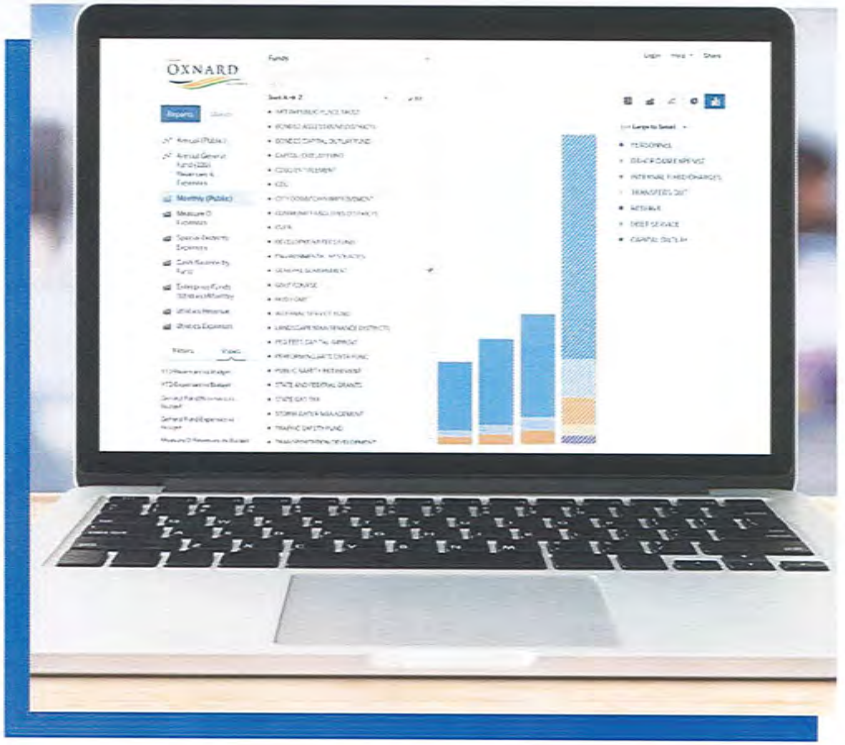
Individuals may still make a contribution of $500 to candidates for City Council and $750 to candidates for Mayor.

It still allows independent expenditures for political communications by individuals, corporations, nonprofit corporations, labor unions, and other associations, as well as loans to yourself.

MEASURE B | WHAT IT IS

3 REQUIRE POSTING OF SPECIFIC CITY CONTRACTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS ON CITY'S WEBSITE

- ✓ City is correcting past problems with new financial reporting.
- ✓ City's new interactive website will go beyond state financial reporting requirements and provide additional transparency to residents.
- ✓ Measure B locks in financial reporting requirements so that future City Councils or City Managers cannot undo them.



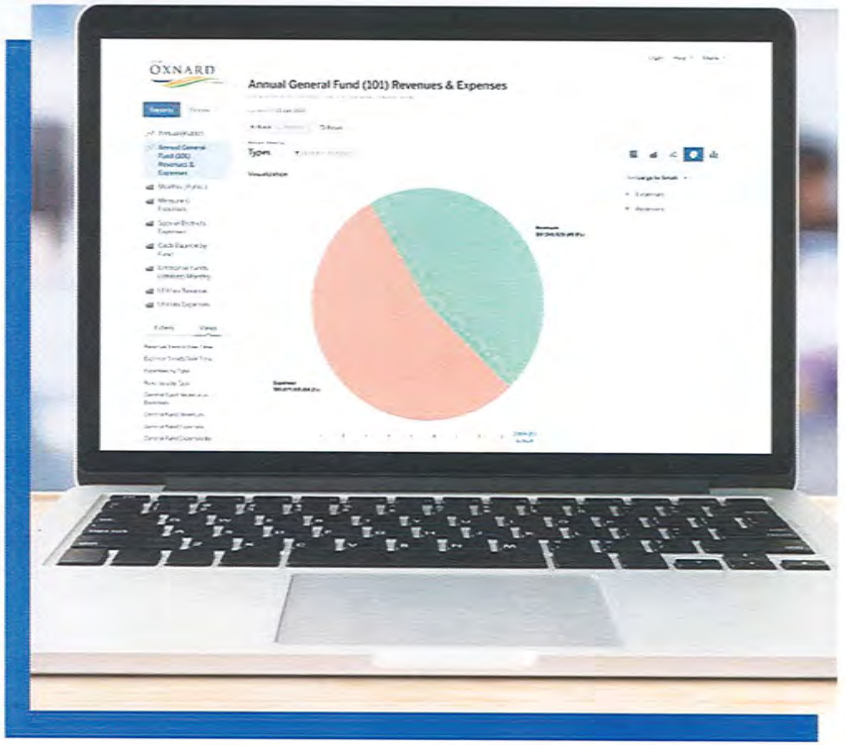
MEASURE B | WHAT IT *IS NOT*

3 REQUIRE POSTING OF SPECIFIC CITY CONTRACTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS ON CITY'S WEBSITE

Measure B ***does not*** limit financial reporting by the City.

Measure B compliments state law requirements and the Sunshine Ordinance.

It requires posting all contracts going to City Council, contracts above $200K, and all labor contracts.



MEASURE B | WHAT IT IS

4 UPDATE TERM LIMITS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR, AND CHANGE THE MAYOR'S TERM FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS

- ✓ Sets Councilmember and Mayor's term limits to 3 four-year terms
- ✓ Allows experienced local government candidates to run for Mayor.

MEASURE B | WHAT IT *IS NOT*

4 UPDATE TERM LIMITS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR, AND CHANGE THE MAYOR'S TERM FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS

Measure B ***is not*** protecting incumbents.

Measure B does impose term limits. It's up to voters to decide if they want to limit the Mayor and Council to two or three consecutive terms in office.

MEASURE B | SUMMARY

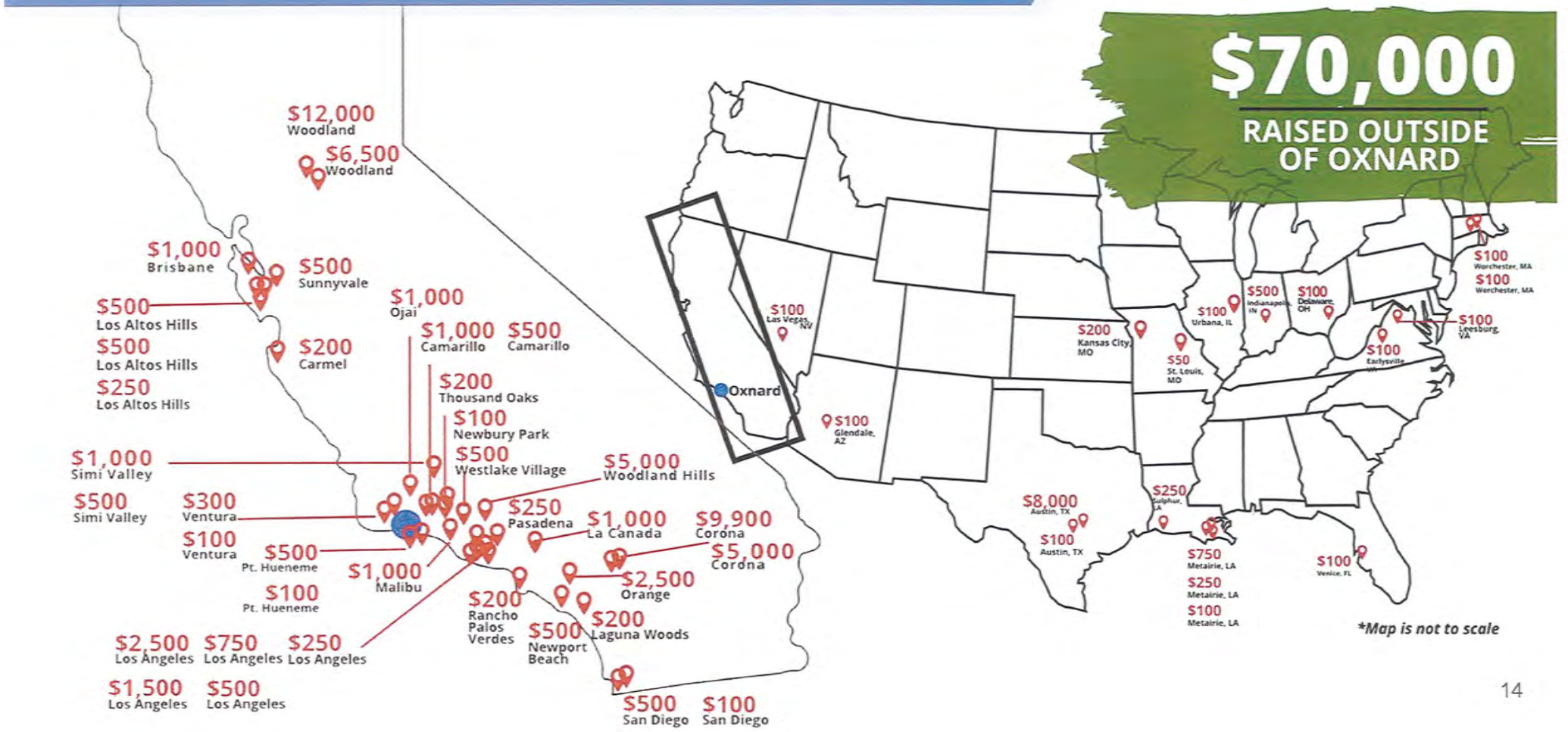
Measure B does not give the City any additional powers, but simply gives voters the option of expanding ethics protections, transparency, and fiscal accountability.

- Measure B increases transparency by requiring additional opportunities for the public to monitor and review government spending and decision-making.
- Measure B updates term limits to three (3) four-year terms.
- Measure B also prohibits councilmembers and commissioners from accepting gifts from lobbyists or City contractors, preventing special interest influence in city decision-making.
- Measure B imposes campaign contribution limits for elected officials for the first time in Oxnard.

Examples of Campaign Contributions in Oxnard

OXNARD ELECTIONS: CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Example of the size and volume of campaign contributions for one candidate over past several years



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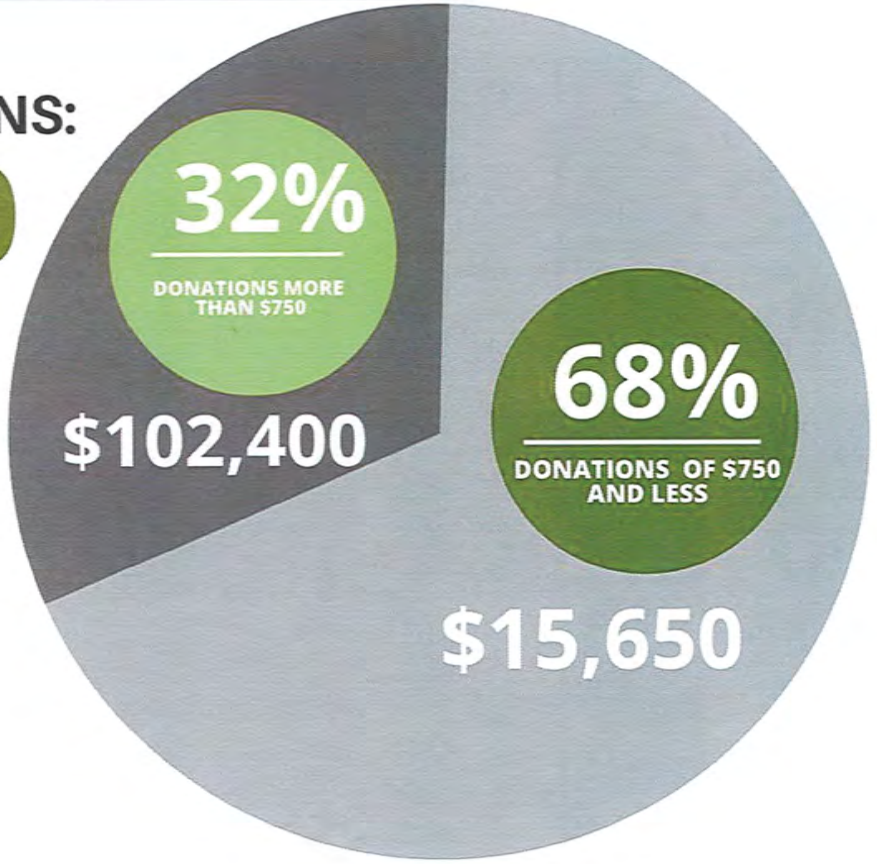
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