

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Clerk-Recorder	(2) MEETING DATE 4/12/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Catrina Christensen	
(4) SUBJECT Introduction of an ordinance to amend Title 30, amending the contribution and expenditure amount to reflect Government Code 84615 and allow an exemption to file in a paper format. Hearing Date set for April 19, 2016. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce the attached ordinance to Title 30 of the County Code, by amending Sections 30.01.020(a) and 30.01.030(b) to amend the contribution and expenditure amount to reflect Government Code 84615 and add Section 30.01.030(c) and (d) to allow an exemption to file in a paper format. 2. Schedule a public hearing for April 19, 2016 to consider the attached ordinance for adoption. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>6/3/2014</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Clerk-Recorder / Catrina Christensen, Division Supervisor

DATE: 4/12/2016

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RECOMMENDATION

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2. Schedule a public hearing for April 19, 2016 to consider the attached ordinance for adoption.

DISCUSSION

On June 3, 2014, your Board adopted Ordinance 3261, which requires filing of campaign statements and reports to be completed solely in electronic format.

Under the ordinance, office holders serving as school board or community service district directors without a campaign committee and receiving a stipend of more than \$200 per month are currently required to file a statement electronically. This requirement to file electronically has caused some frustration for these filers and required staff time to establish their accounts. Most of these filers have nothing to disclose. In an effort to work cooperatively with these filers, we find the need for an exemption to allow filing to be completed in a paper format, which requires minimal work by department staff to scan and redact the statement so it may be uploaded and available for public review. This is more efficient and less cumbersome for filers and our department.

Our office will continue to require filers to file electronically. However, we would like the ordinance language amended to allow the Registrar of Voters, the Clerk-Recorder as the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Filing Officer for San Luis Obispo County, to accept the filings in paper format. The filer shall provide a written explanation for not filing electronically.

The proposed ordinance would allow for prompt filing of the required Campaign Finance Statements should the filer not be able to complete an electronic filing. History has shown that the use of staff time scanning and redacting the paper filings is more than offset by the staff time used for following up on late filings.

Additionally, we are amending Title 30 to reference Government Code 84615 instead of a dollar amount regarding contributions and expenditures that may be changed by legislation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed the ordinance as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RESULTS

Approval of the ordinance will help the Clerk-Recorder achieve its mission of employing technology to its fullest and wisely spending public funds in serving our customers while also contributing to the County's desired community-wide result of a well-governed community by providing improved service to filers, continued transparency and staff time savings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Ordinance - Redline/strikeout version