Los Angeles City Ethics Commission
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in June 1990, City voters enacted a program of providing public matching funds to candidates for City office who meet qualification criteria and voluntarily agree to participate in debates, limit the use of personal funds in their campaigns, and limit their overall campaign spending; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code section 49.7.13 specifies the voluntary spending limits for participating City candidates and their committees, which vary by the office sought and the type of election; and

WHEREAS Los Angeles Municipal Code section 49.7.19(A)(3) specifies the voluntary limits on contributions of personal funds by participating City candidates, which vary by the office sought; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code sections 49.7.13 and 49.7.19 were last readopted in March 2003; and

WHEREAS Los Angeles City Charter section 702(h) requires the City Ethics Commission to annually adjust the limits to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index and round to the nearest $100 for limitations on contributions and to the nearest $1,000 for limitations on expenditures; and

WHEREAS data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County area has increased by 24.30 percent since March 2003; and

WHEREAS the requisite adjustments to the voluntary spending and personal contribution limits for candidates in Los Angeles Municipal Code section 49.7.13, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index and rounded to the nearest $1,000, are equal to the following:

- City Council Spending Limit (Primary Election) ........................................... $480,000
- City Council Spending Limit (General Election) ........................................... $400,000
- City Council Personal Contribution Limit .................................................. $31,100
- Controller Spending Limit (Primary Election) .......................................... $1,119,000
- Controller Spending Limit (General Election) .......................................... $840,000
- City Attorney Spending Limit (Primary Election) ..................................... $1,259,000
- City Attorney Spending Limit (General Election) ..................................... $979,000
- Mayoral Spending Limit (Primary Election) ............................................. $2,798,000
- Mayoral Spending Limit (General Election) ............................................. $2,237,000
- Citywide Personal Contribution Limit ...................................................... $124,500

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Ethics Commission that, effective April 5, 2012, the voluntary expenditure limits in Los Angeles Municipal Code section 49.7.13 and the voluntary limits on personal contributions in Los Angeles Municipal Code section 49.7.19(A)(3) are adjusted in compliance with Los Angeles City Charter section 702(h) to the values identified in the preceding paragraph.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission on April 5, 2012, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter section 702(h).

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