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To: Ramirez, Lucas; Hicks, Alison; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Lieber, Sally; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat

Cc: City Council FORWARD

Subject: Item 8.1 on 3/8/22 Council meeting agenda

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Dear Council Member,

We encourage you to set a City limit for Council candidates at or below the State limit and also to modify the local ordinance for Disclosure in Advertisements.

Transparency seems so important. Please set up a mechanism so the public has easy access to campaign finance information. One suggestion is that when the City Clerk files any complaints to the FPPC, notice of the complaint should be immediately posted on the City website and to all current campaigns for that office or ballot measure.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dave Offen & Gail Nyhan, Barbara Ave.

From: Kevin Ma

To: <u>City Council FORWARD</u>

**Subject:** Comment on 8.1 (AB571 and Campaign Finance)

**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:00:41 AM

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## Dear City Council,

As the national political discourse continues to question the state of our democracy, I would like to see the council take all efforts to strengthen the integrity of our local governance. As such, I would like to see the council:

- Set a reasonable contribution limit, similar to neighboring jurisdictions
- Support staff's recommendations on the Disclosure Ordinance
- Lower the threshold of additional disclosure requirements to \$500
- Enact effective enforcement measures

Specifically, I'd like to see further details on how such regulations can be enforced speedily and automatically. The FPPC takes quite a while to resolve issues, sometimes not concluded until after a full term in office, in which case the punishment is somewhat superfluous. And a complaint filed by an average individual does not push the FPPC perhaps as that of official correspondence from the Clerk's office.

Sincerely, Kevin Ma