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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 533 File No. 303 Cal. No. 284

"AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS."

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- 1 After line 28, insert the following:
- 2 "Sec. 3. Section 9-601a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective December 31, 2007, and*
- 4 *applicable to elections held on or after January 1, 2008*):
- 5 (a) As used in this chapter and sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,
- 6 "contribution" means:
- 7 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
- 8 money or anything of value, made for the purpose of influencing the
- 9 nomination for election, or election, of any person or for the purpose of
- 10 aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum question
- 11 or on behalf of any political party;
- 12 (2) A written contract, promise or agreement to make a contribution
- 13 for any such purpose;

14 (3) The payment by any person, other than a candidate or campaign
15 treasurer, of compensation for the personal services of any other
16 person which are rendered without charge to a committee or candidate
17 for any such purpose;

18 (4) An expenditure when made by a person with the cooperation of,
19 or in consultation with, any candidate, candidate committee or
20 candidate's agent or which is made in concert with, or at the request or
21 suggestion of, any candidate, candidate committee or candidate's
22 agent, including a coordinated expenditure; [or]

23 (5) Funds received by a committee which are transferred from
24 another committee or other source for any such purpose; or

25 (6) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
26 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
27 candidate committee of a public official, as defined in section 1 of this
28 act.

29 (b) As used in this chapter and sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,
30 "contribution" does not mean:

31 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
32 national or state bank;

33 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
34 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
35 administrative personnel, or their families;

36 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
37 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
38 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
39 families;

40 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
41 their time;

42 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,

43 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
44 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in
45 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related
46 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative
47 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual
48 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars
49 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central
50 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any
51 calendar year;

52 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or
53 for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge
54 is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative
55 value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does
56 not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election,
57 and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed
58 four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

59 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an
60 individual who on the individual's own behalf volunteers the
61 individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent the
62 cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to
63 any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town
64 committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

65 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an
66 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other
67 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to
68 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing
69 the names of three or more candidates;

70 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual
71 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
72 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
73 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not
74 exceed fifty dollars;

75 [(10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies
76 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
77 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,
78 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two
79 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
80 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the
81 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any
82 other person;]

83 [(B)] (10) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies
84 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by a
85 town committee, provided the cumulative purchase of such space does
86 not exceed two hundred fifty dollars from any single town committee
87 in any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars
88 for purchases by any other person. Notwithstanding the provisions of
89 this subparagraph, the following may not purchase advertising space
90 in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by a town committee:
91 (i) A communicator lobbyist, (ii) a member of the immediate family of
92 a communicator lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor, (iv) a prospective state
93 contractor, or (v) a principal of a state contractor or prospective state
94 contractor. As used in this subparagraph, "state contractor",
95 "prospective state contractor" and "principal of a state contractor or
96 prospective state contractor" have the same meanings as provided in
97 subsection (g) of section 9-612;

98 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
99 candidate committee;

100 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
101 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
102 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one
103 hundred dollars;

104 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
105 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
106 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to

107 the individual;

108 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
109 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
110 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
111 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
112 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
113 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
114 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
115 political party;

116 (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
117 individual at a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering held
118 within the state, to the extent that the cumulative payment made by
119 any one individual for such items does not exceed fifty dollars; or

120 (16) An organization expenditure by a party committee, legislative
121 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee."