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Dear City Council,

It's past time for San Clemente to establish limits on local campaign contributions.

I appreciate the comprehensiveness of the [staff report](#) that includes the four past discussions between 2010 and 2022. Establishing local campaign contribution limits is one way to hold our elected officials accountable to the will of residents and community members, rather than special interest groups. Such accountability becomes more important every day as San Clemente makes frequent news due to a variety of damages by climate change. We cannot afford more delay of real solutions for quality of life.

Please do not defer to [state contribution limits](#) of \$5,500. It's significantly higher than all limits set by Orange County cities, such as Dana Point's \$880, San Juan Capistrano's \$700, and Laguna Beach's \$440.

Take a look at how the state contribution limits have enabled certain industries, and their relationship with our state legislators.

- [CalMatters](#) reported that in 2023, the oil and gas industry contributed \$12,000 to Asm. Davies

and \$9,000 to Sen. Nguyen.

- Sierra Club's 2021-2022 [Tracking the Dirty Dollars report](#) showed oil and gas and allied interests contributed \$23,200 to Asm. Davies. This included \$1,500 from [Dart Container](#) that sued San Diego for its polystyrene foam foodware ban though dozens of municipalities including San Clemente had long adopted such a ban.

We need protection from the industries that work in our community against San Clemente's goals. Establishing local campaign contribution limits is a small but important action for the community.

Thanks,

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