

GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 20, 2026

ACTION REPORT NO. 20

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Darneika Watson, Superintendent

SUBMITTED BY: Mr. Darren Kameya, General Counsel

PREPARED IN: Superintendent's Office

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 19 – Limiting Campaign Contributions in Elections for Members of the Governing Board

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 19, limiting campaign contributions in elections for members of the Governing Board.

California law does not impose automatic statewide limits on campaign contributions for school board elections. However, Education Code section 35177 allows school district governing boards to establish reasonable limits on campaign contributions or expenditures for district office elections through a resolution.

Implementing local campaign contribution limits helps to:

- Promote fairness and integrity in school board elections
- Reduce the perception or reality of undue influence
- Align campaign practices with community expectations for ethical governance
- Provide clear guidance to candidates and contributors

The proposed resolution is authorized by Education Code section 35177 and is intended to be consistent with the Political Reform Act and FPPC regulations. Enforcement will fall within the existing frameworks of the FPPC and prosecutorial authorities.

Currently, the campaign contribution limit for individuals in the City of Glendale is \$1,440.00. Since the Glendale City Clerk serves as our elections filing officer, we recommend that the campaign contribution limit align with this amount.

Fiscal Impact: None.

GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 19

**LIMITING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Glendale Unified School District ("District") is committed to promoting public trust, transparency, and integrity in local school governance; and

WHEREAS, elections for members of the Governing Board should be conducted in a manner that ensures fairness, reduces the appearance or reality of undue influence, and encourages broad community participation; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 35177 authorizes a school district governing board, by resolution, to limit campaign expenditures or campaign contributions in elections to district offices; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board desires to establish reasonable and uniform campaign contribution limits applicable to candidates for election to the Governing Board, consistent with state law and the Political Reform Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Glendale Unified School District hereby adopts the following campaign contribution limits:

1. Campaign Contribution Limits

No person shall make, and no candidate for the Governing Board shall accept, campaign contributions totaling more than \$1,440.00 per election from any single person. For purposes of this resolution, "person" includes an individual, business entity, committee, political action committee, association, organization, or any other entity recognized under state law.

2. Application of Limits

These limits shall apply to:

- All candidates for election or reelection to the Governing Board;
- Contributions made for the purpose of influencing the election of a candidate to the Governing Board;
- Both monetary and non-monetary (in-kind) contributions.

3. Aggregation of Contributions

Contributions made directly or indirectly by a person, including through intermediaries or controlled committees, shall be aggregated for purposes of determining compliance with this resolution.

4. Adjustments and State Law

If state law establishes mandatory contribution limits applicable to school district elections that are lower than the limits set forth in this resolution, the state law limits shall apply.

Nothing in this resolution is intended to conflict with the Political Reform Act, the regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”), or other applicable state or federal law.

5. Interpretation

In the event of any patent or latent ambiguity in the campaign finance provisions of this resolution, the ambiguous provision shall be resolved by interpreting and applying the provision in a manner consistent with the interpretation and application of the campaign finance provisions of Chapter 1.10 of Title 1 of the Municipal Code for the City of Glendale.

6. Enforcement

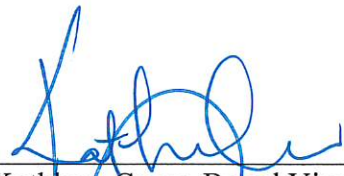
This resolution shall be enforced in a manner consistent with the Political Reform Act. Violations may be referred to the FPPC or other appropriate enforcement authorities.


7. Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect on January 21, 2026, and shall apply to elections conducted on or after that date.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 20th day of January 2026 at a regular meeting of the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education, Los Angeles County, California.


Ingrid Marie Gunnell, Board President


Kathleen Cross, Board Vice President


Telly Tse, Board Clerk


Neda Farid, Member


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