

# Campaign Contribution Limits Discussion

Town Council Meeting  
June 17, 2026



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**CHAPEL  
HILL**

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# Recommended Action

Council provide direction to staff on formula for setting campaign contribution limits.

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## Background & Context

- Routine consent agenda item that sets limits in even-numbered years
- Item pulled from the April 15, 2026 consent agenda

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## Legislative Context

- Local limits established in 1999 by special legislation
- Adjusted formula adopted in 2010 = Consumer Price Index (CPI) + voter baseline
- 2017 amendment clarifying incremental CPI (since prior even year)

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**Current  
Formula:  
CPI +  
Active  
Registered  
Voters**

**2024:**

- Contribution Limit: \$367
- Disclosure Limit: \$38

**2026:**

- Contribution Limit: \$353
- Disclosure Limit: \$37

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**Alternative  
Formula:  
CPI-only  
Calculation**

- **Current Formula**
  - Contribution Limit: \$353
  - Disclosure Limit: \$37
- **CPI-Only Calculation**
  - Contribution Limit: \$390
  - Disclosure Limit: \$40

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# Options for Council Direction

- Keep current formula
- CPI only
- Another option?

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