

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 1.30.065 TO THE CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING ELECTRONIC AND PAPERLESS FILING OF CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that public access to campaign disclosure information is a vital and integral component of a fully informed electorate. Transparency in campaign financing is critical in order to maintain public trust and support the political process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chico finds that California Government Code Section 84615 provides that a legislative body of a local government agency may adopt an ordinance that requires an elected officer, candidate, or committee, required to file statements, reports, or other documents required by Chapter 4 of the Political Reform Act to file such statements, reports or other documents online or electronically with the City Clerk.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Chico as follows:

Section 1.30.065 is hereby added to the Chico Municipal Code to read as follows:

1.30.065 Campaign Disclosure Statements – Document Filing Method

A. Mandatory Online or Electronic Filing. It is the finding of the City Council that an elected officer, candidate, committee or other person required to file statements, reports, or other documents with the City of Chico elections official as required by Chapter 4 of the Political Reform Act shall electronically file all such statements, reports or documents online or electronically. The City's online system can and will operate securely and effectively and will not unduly burden filers. By way of this finding, the use of online or electronic filing is hereby authorized and required for elected officers, candidates, committees and other persons filing statements, reports or other documents described in Chapter 4 of the Political Reform Act.

(1) In any instance in which an original statement, report or other document must be filed with the Secretary of State and a copy of that statement, report, or other document is required to be filed with the City, the filer may, but is not required to, file the copy online or electronically.

1 **THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE** was adopted by the Council of the City of Chico at its regular
2 meeting held on December 2, 2014, by the following vote:

3 AYES: Goloff, Morgan, Ritter, Schwab, Stone, Sorensen, Gruendl

4 NOES: None

5 ABSTAIN: None

6 ABSENT: None

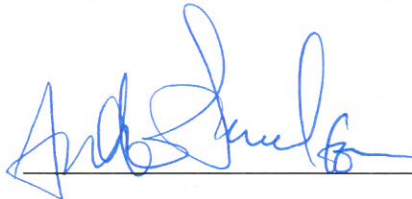
7 DISQUALIFIED: None

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10 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT

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