

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE,
CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FAIR CAMPAIGN
PRACTICES COMMISSION AND ADDING ARTICLE
III, SECTION 301 TO THE CHARTER OF ORANGE
COUNTY

The People of the County of Orange hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Article III, Section 301 is added to the Charter of Orange County to read:

301. Establishment of the Fair Campaign Practices Commission; Duties of the Commission.

The Board of Supervisors shall establish a Fair Campaign Practices Commission (“Commission”) to oversee compliance with the Orange County Campaign Reform Ordinance No. 3862 as from time to time amended. In particular, the Commission shall have authority to:

- (a) Audit campaign disclosure statements and amendments thereto filed by County Candidates and County Elected Officials as defined in the Orange County Campaign Reform Ordinance No. 3862 as from time to time amended, investigate alleged violations of such ordinance as from time to time amended, and if necessary, report the findings to appropriate State of California enforcement authorities;
- (b) Initiate complaints and receive written complaints alleging possible violations of Orange County Campaign Reform Ordinance No. 3862 as from time to time amended;
- (c) Enforce provisions of County laws pertaining to campaign finance disclosure and impose fines for violations of such laws; and
- (d) Subpoena witnesses and the production of records pertinent to its investigations and to administer oaths.

The Board of Supervisors shall by ordinance establish the above-stated authority and duties and additional authority and duties of the Commission; its enforcement powers, voting requirements, meeting schedule, staffing and budget; its members’ terms of office, qualifications, compensation and removal; and appointment of members.