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Sec. of State Toulouse Oliver Reminds Candidates, Public that Adjusted Campaign Contribution Limits Now in Effect

SANTA FE – Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver is reminding potential candidates, candidate committees, and the public at large that an automatic, incremental increase in campaign contribution limits has taken effect.

In accordance with New Mexico law (NMSA 1978 §1-19-34.7(D)), on the day after each general election, contribution limit amounts increase according to a formula tied to the consumer price index published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

As of November 7, 2018, the campaign contribution limits per election cycle are:

	From an individual (person or entity)	From a PAC
To a Non-Statewide Candidate	\$2,600	\$5,700
To a Statewide Candidate	\$5,700	\$5,700
To a PAC	\$5,700	\$5,700

The contribution limits do not apply to contributions from a candidate’s personal funds to the candidate’s own campaign fund.

The Secretary of State’s Office has purview over the New Mexico Campaign Reporting Act, which provides for a \$2,600 campaign contribution limit as noted in the table above. There is a separate section of New Mexico law not under the purview of the Secretary of State – the Public Regulation Commission Act (NMSA 1978 §8-8-1 to §8-8-21) – that provides a different campaign contribution limit (\$500) for Public Regulation Commission candidates. The Secretary of State would support legislation in the upcoming legislative session to reconcile these laws to ensure that the Secretary of State has ultimate enforcement authority over all campaign finance related issues in New Mexico.

The Secretary of State published the adjusted contribution limits listed above on her [official website](#) before October 1, 2018 as provided for in the statute referenced above. A table outlining the incremental increases over the past 11 years is also available to view on the [Secretary of State’s website](#).

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