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Campaign Contributions Transparency

The Grand Jury received a public complaint regarding access to records of monetary contributions received by candidates for public office throughout Ventura County.

The California Political Reform Act of 1974 requires all local government agencies to report these monetary contributions and make the information accessible to the public.

The Grand Jury found that while the information is available, there is a wide variation in the ease of access to the information.

The Grand Jury recommends that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and the city councils of the 10 cities establish a direct link on their websites' home page for easy public access to this information.

The complete report may be accessed at www.ventura.org/grand-jury; click on the Annual Reports tab and consult "Fiscal Year 2016-2017."

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