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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CARRBORO CHARTER TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO  
3 REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICE TO DISCLOSE THE  
4 NAMES OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS AND TO LIMIT BY ORDINANCE  
5 THE AMOUNT THAT PERSONS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE OR  
6 THEIR POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8       **SECTION 1.** Section 2-7 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being  
9 Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, as added by Section 2 of Chapter 660 of the  
10 1993 Session Laws, is repealed.

11       **SECTION 2.** Article 2 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being  
12 Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, is amended by adding the following new  
13 sections to read:

14       "Section. 2-8. **Disclosure of contributors.** (a) The town may by ordinance  
15 require the disclosure by candidates (and their political committees) for elective town  
16 office of the names of all individual residents of the State who contribute more than  
17 twenty dollars (\$20.00) per election to their campaigns. For purposes of this section,  
18 "election" is as defined in G.S. 163-278.13. The ordinance may exempt from disclosure  
19 contributions below a monetary amount set in the ordinance. The ordinance may not set  
20 a threshold for disclosure higher than the dollar amount set in the general law which  
21 would apply to elective office in the town.

22       (b) The ordinance shall apply regardless of the total amount of contributions,  
23 loans, or expenditures by the campaigns.

24       (c) G.S. 163-278.10A does not apply to municipal elections in the Town of  
25 Carrboro.

26       "Section 2-9. **Limitation on contributions.** Except as provided by  
27 G.S. 163-278.13(c), the town may by ordinance limit the amount of contributions which  
28 any individual, person, or political committee may contribute to any candidate for town

1 office or to any political committee of that candidate. The ordinance may not set a  
2 limitation which has a dollar amount greater than the dollar amount set in the general  
3 law which would apply to elective office in the town.

4 "Section 2-10. **Definitions.** The definitions in Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the  
5 General Statutes apply to Sections 2-8 and 2-9 of this Charter."

6 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.