

**Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce
Honorary Mayoral Rules**

A. Selection of Candidates

1. Candidate applicants will be screened and are subject to approval of the OACC Honorary Mayoral Committee.
2. A candidate must be a member of OACC, must reside in District 1 or 5 of Eastern Madera County, and must be of good character.
3. A candidate may not serve as (be awarded the title of) Honorary Mayor in consecutive years; but can run (as an Honorary Mayoral Candidate) in consecutive years.
4. Candidates are people who must be 18 years old or more and must be available to participate in Chamber events and functions throughout the year including events during the day, holidays and evenings.

B. Approval of Charity/Benefactor

1. A candidate must select his or her charity or benefactor from the list approved by OACC, and the proposed charity or benefactor must be endorsed by the Honorary Mayoral Committee.
2. A candidate may submit a charity or benefactor not on the OACC list, but may not represent that organization until or unless approved and endorsed by the Honorary Mayoral Committee.
3. A candidate may not represent more than one charity.

C. Fundraising

1. A candidate may not include, as “votes”, funds raised by his or her Charity or benefactor, prior to and separate from, the campaign for Honorary Mayor. A candidate may not include as “votes”, funds raised during the campaign but from events already coordinated and planned by the charity.
2. 100% of net proceeds, after expenses, raised by a candidate will be donated to the appointed charity.

D. Accountability of Funds

1. Each candidate shall deposit, on a regular basis, all cash and check donations in a local bank under a separate account established in the name of the charity.
2. The final deposit and OACC subtotal tally of all proceeds for each candidate shall occur no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled banquet announcing the winner.
3. Included in a candidate's donation subtotal tally will be a statement from your bank showing all deposits and expense payment withdrawals.
4. OACC members and employees, and employees of the participating bank, shall not disclose subtotal contribution amounts prior to the election banquet.
5. Contributions received after the subtotal tally shall not apply to the candidate's campaign fundraising tally except those given at the election banquet pursuant to Rule D6.
6. Contributions may be collected after the 48 hours pursuant to Rule D2 and at the election banquet up to a time designated by the event chair person. Contributions turned in at banquet may not exceed \$500.00 per donor. No subtotal of contributions for any candidate will be announced prior to the announcement of the winner. All contributions collected at the banquet must be reported to the event chairperson. The tally and declaration of the winner by the event chairperson shall be final and not subject to a recount.