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VOTER INFORMATION

The County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is the administrator of the City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections.

This pamphlet only contains information on the LAUSD ballot measure for the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

For information concerning the Election such as Vote Centers, please contact LA County at (800) 815-2666 or visit their website at www.lavote.gov.

The next page contains the simplified version of the LAUSD ballot measure. The full text of this measure, along with other information, is printed after the Ballot Summary (see Table of Contents Page).

CITY OF LOS ANGELES CHARTER AMENDMENT SC

TITLE:
CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULES RELATED TO BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS.

THE ISSUE:
Should the Los Angeles City Charter be amended to clarify the campaign finance rules for Board of Education elections and allow for changes by ordinance?

THE SITUATION:
The Charter has campaign finance rules for Board of Education candidates. The Charter also has campaign finance rules for Mayoral candidates. The two sets of rules are very similar, but are in different parts of the Charter.

THE PROPOSAL:
The measure would remove repetitive language and apply the same campaign finance rules to Board of Education candidates that apply to Mayoral candidates with certain exceptions. This measure would also allow the City Council to adopt additional changes by ordinance.

A YES VOTE MEANS:
You want to remove repetitive language from the Charter, clarify the campaign finance rules for Board of Education candidates, and allow the City Council to adopt additional changes by ordinance.

A NO VOTE MEANS:
You do not want to remove repetitive language from the Charter, clarify the campaign finance rules for Board of Education candidates, or allow the City Council to adopt additional changes by ordinance.

THE FULL TEXT OF THIS MEASURE BEGINS ON PAGE 7.

SC CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULES RELATED TO BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS. CHARTER AMENDMENT SC.

Shall the Los Angeles City Charter be amended to clarify the campaign finance rules for Board of Education elections and allow for changes by ordinance?

IMPARTIAL SUMMARY
BY SHARON M. TSO, CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

City Charter Section 803 establishes the campaign finance rules that candidates for the Board of Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District must follow during the election process. City Charter Sections 470 and 471 and Article 9.7 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code establishes the campaign finance rules that candidates for Mayor must follow during the election process. These rules supplement the California Political Reform Act of 1974. The campaign finance rules for candidates for the Board of Education and Mayor are similar, but are contained in different parts of the City Charter as well as the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

This measure would clarify the campaign finance rules for Board of Education candidates by amending the City Charter to remove repetitive language in Charter Section 803 and requiring Board of Education candidates to follow the campaign finance rules for Mayoral candidates, as specified in City Charter Sections 470 and 471 and Article 9.7 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. This measure would apply the same provisions for Mayoral candidates to candidates for the Board of Education, with the exception of those provisions that apply only to candidates for City elected offices, such as the Office of the Mayor, and limitations on contributions from City contractors and lobbyists.

If this amendment is approved, the existing campaign rules for both the Board of Education candidates and Mayoral candidates would be as follows:

- Candidates and their donors would be restricted by contribution limits that may be periodically adjusted, with the baseline for these limits maintained at $1,000 for any individual office, and no limit on candidates to contribute personal funds to their candidacy;
- Treasury and financial accountability requirements, such as training, filing deadlines, public disclosures, monitored campaign accounts, and petty cash funds;
- Time limits on contributions and expenditures, including fundraising windows and acceptable uses of funds received in those time frames; and
- Audit and investigative powers of the City Ethics Commission, including criminal and civil enforcement provisions.

This measure would allow for additional restrictions or exceptions to be established by ordinance.

This measure will become effective if approved by a majority of voters.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
BY MATTHEW W. SZABO, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

This measure amends the existing campaign finance provisions for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education, by applying the same provisions to school board candidates that mayoral candidates for the City of Los Angeles must follow. Candidates for the LAUSD Board of Education shall not be subject to certain provisions regarding contributions and fundraising (Sections 470(c)(11) and 470(c)(12)), the provisions regarding public matching funds (Section 471), and as otherwise exempted by ordinance. This measure is not anticipated to have a financial impact on the City.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT SC

VOTE YES ON CHARTER AMENDMENT SC

The City of Los Angeles requires candidates for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education to follow campaign finance rules - such as contribution limits, donor disclosure, and oversight by the City Ethics Commission. These rules apply to LAUSD Board of Education candidates similarly to how they apply to candidates for other elected City offices.

The difference does not necessarily lie in the rules themselves but rather in where those rules appear in the City's Charter. Today, the rules governing candidates for the Board of Education are established in a separate section of the City Charter. They appear on their own rather than in the same section of the Charter that governs candidates for other elected offices, such as the Mayor.

Charter Amendment SC is a good governance reform that simplifies the Charter and reduces bureaucratic bloat and redundancy. It eliminates duplicative campaign finance provisions for Board of Education elections and clarifies that those candidates are subject to the same general campaign finance framework that already governs candidates for Mayor.

This is a straightforward good-government reform, and it is worth supporting for exactly that reason.

Vote YES on Charter Amendment SC.

PERSONS SIGNING ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT SC

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Los Angeles City Councilmember, District 2

DIEGO ANDRADES
Former Charter Reform Commissioner

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LAUSD Board Member

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NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED.

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New provisions or language added to the Charter or to existing Charter sections are shown in underline type; words deleted from the Charter or from existing Charter sections are shown in ~~strikeout~~ type.

CHARTER AMENDMENT SC
(CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULES RELATED TO LAUSD ELECTIONS)

TEXT OF THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE

Section 1. Section 803 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, regarding the election of members of the Board of Education, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 803. Election of Board Members.

The election of Members of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District shall be conducted in accordance with Sections 400 through 440 of the Charter and applicable ordinances consistent with the Charter. In order to encourage a broader participation in the political process by placing limits on the amount any person may contribute or otherwise cause to be available to candidates for election to the Board of Education, candidates for the Board of Education shall be subject to the same campaign finance provisions that apply to candidates for Mayor, including in Section 470 and any ordinances adopted in accordance with Section 470(c) or other sections of the Charter, as applicable, except that candidates for the Board of Education shall not be subject the provisions regarding contributions and fundraising in Sections 470(c)(11) and 470(c)(12), the provisions regarding public matching funds in Section 471, and as otherwise excepted by ordinance.~~the following campaign finance provisions apply to elections of the members of the Board of Education. This section is intended to supplement the Political Reform Act of 1974.~~

~~**(a) Definitions.**~~

~~(1) "Behested" means and will be treated in the following manner for purposes of this section:~~

~~(A) An expenditure behested by a candidate or candidate's controlled committee is not an independent expenditure and shall be treated as a contribution to the candidate or committee that behests the expenditure. A payment is behested if it is made:~~

~~(i) at the request or suggestion of the candidate, committee, or the candidate or committee's agent;~~

~~(ii) in concert with, with the cooperation of, or in consultation with, the candidate, committee, or the candidate or committee's agent; or~~

~~(iii) under any arrangement, coordination, or direction between the candidate, committee, or the candidate or committee's agent.~~

~~(B) An expenditure is behested without limitation under the following circumstances:~~

~~(i) active involvement or participation by a candidate in the creation or design of a communication financed by the spender, including consultation~~

between the spender and the candidate about content;

(ii) solicitation by the spender and/or provision by the candidate of materials specifically for use in the communication or procuring the candidate's consent to include specific materials in the communication; or

(iii) arranging with the candidate for preparation of any materials used in the communication.

(C) There is a rebuttable presumption that an expenditure is behested, and therefore not independent, if:

(i) it is made by or through any agent of the affected candidate or member of the candidate's controlled committee in the course of his/her involvement in the current campaign;

(ii) in the election cycle during which the expenditure is made, both the spender or the spender's agent and the candidate on whose behalf the expenditure is made retain the same individual or entity to provide non-ministerial, campaign related professional services (non-ministerial, campaign related professional services include, but are not limited to: polling or other campaign research, media consulting or production, direct mail consultation, and fundraising);

(iii) the expenditure finances a communication that replicates, reproduces, republishes, distributes, or disseminates, in whole or substantial part, a broadcast, written, graphic, or other form of campaign material designed, produced, paid for, or distributed by the affected candidate, his or her committee, or agent;

(iv) the expenditure is based on information about a candidate's campaign plans, projects, or needs not generally available to the public; or information provided directly or indirectly by that candidate, committee, or their agents to the spender or spender's agent, with an express or tacit understanding that the expenditure was being considered;

(v) the spender or spender's agent discusses or negotiates the content, timing, location, mode, intended audience, volume of distribution, or frequency of placement of a communication financed by the spender with the candidate whose election or nomination is advocated by the spender or whose opponent's defeat is advocated by the spender;

(vi) in the election cycle during which the expenditure is made, the spender or spender's agent is serving or has served in a formal executive, policy-making, or advisory position with the candidate's campaign or has participated in strategic or policy-making discussions with the candidate's campaign relating to that candidate's pursuit of nomination or election to office, and the candidate is pursuing the same office as a candidate whose nomination or election the expenditure is intended to influence;

(vii) the expenditure is made after a request to the spender or spender's agent by the candidate, the candidate's controlled committee, or

their agents for an expenditure on the candidate's behalf; or

(viii) the expenditure is made in connection with or as a consequence of fundraising events or campaign activities co-sponsored by the candidate and the spender or the spender's agent.

(D) An expenditure will not be deemed behested merely when:

(i) a spender or spender's agent interviews a candidate on legislative or policy positions or issues affecting the spender or discusses campaign-related issues with the candidate, such as platforms, polling information, which organizations support the candidate and which support his/her opponent, or the identity of the consultants the candidate plans to hire, provided that prior to making a subsequent expenditure based on that information, the spender or his agent has not communicated with the candidate, candidate's controlled committee, or their agents concerning the expenditure;

(ii) the spender solicits and/or obtains a photograph, biography, position paper, press release, or similar material from the candidate, candidate's controlled committee, or their agents and, without the prior knowledge, control, or involvement of the candidate, candidate's controlled committee, or their agents, subsequently utilizes or incorporates that information to create a communication in support of the candidate or in opposition to his or her opponent;

(iii) the spender made prior contributions to the candidate;

(iv) the spender communicates to the candidate, the candidate's controlled committee, or the agent of either, the intent to make an independent expenditure without discussing any of the items mentioned in Subparagraph (C)(v) of this section;

(v) a member of an organization that makes an expenditure renders volunteer personal services to or works for the affected candidate's campaign, unless the volunteer or campaign worker was also involved in the activities of the spender-organization's political action committee or makes payments on behalf of the spender-organization, or is serving or has served the affected candidate's campaign in one of the capacities described in Subparagraph (C)(vi) of this section;

(vi) the expenditure was made in response to an unsolicited request from political party leaders or their agents that the committee "support" the candidate or make an expenditure relating to the candidate;

(vii) the expenditure finances the cost of preparing or disseminating candidate evaluations to voters or conducting a political survey; or

(viii) the spender employs or is under contract with a political consultant or pollster who rendered services to a candidate in prior years.

(2) "Board of Education office" means the office of a member of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

(3) "Candidate or Committee Agent" means any person who has express or implied authority to make or to authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of the candidate. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the following have that authority: current or former officers of the candidate-controlled committee, employees of the campaign, persons who have received compensation or reimbursement from the campaign, or any person who has been placed in a position within the campaign organization where it would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign-related activities he or she may authorize expenditures. A candidate's agent is also any person who is serving or has served in an advisory, decision-making, or strategic role with a candidate's campaign, with or without compensation, where that person's duties and/or actions reflect or require direct knowledge of the candidate's campaign strategy, plans, or needs.

(4) "Election" means any primary nominating election, a general election, a special election and a recall election.

(5) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure made by any person in connection with a communication that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate; or, taken as a whole and in context, unambiguously urges a particular result in an election, but which is not made to or at the behest of the affected candidate or committee.

(6) "Loan" means and will be treated in the following manner for purposes of this section:

(A) A loan shall be considered a contribution from the maker and the guarantor of the loan and shall be subject to the contribution limitations of this section.

(B) The proceeds of a loan made to a candidate by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on the same terms available to members of the public and which is secured or guaranteed shall not be considered to be a contribution within the meaning of the contribution limitations of this section.

(C) Extensions of credit (other than loans referred to in Subdivision (6) (B)) for a period of more than 30 days are subject to the contribution limitations of this article.

(7) "Member communications" means payments made pursuant to Government Code Section 85312.

(A) For purposes of this article, payments for member communications that are behested by candidates, with the exception of payments for a regularly published newsletter or periodical limited solely to individual members not exceeding the amount of payments regularly made to publish a regular newsletter or periodical, shall be considered contributions to that candidate or candidate controlled committee for purposes of the contribution limits reporting requirements contained in this article.

(B) For purposes of this article, member communications that are not behested by a candidate, a candidate's controlled committee, or an agent of a candidate or a candidate's controlled committee are not considered contributions

to a candidate.

(C) Member communications that are not behested by a candidate, a candidate's controlled committee, or an agent of a candidate or a candidate's controlled committee and are not payments for a regularly published newsletter or periodical limited solely to individual members and do not exceed the amount of payments regularly made to publish a regular newsletter or periodical, are considered expenditures and are required to be reported pursuant to Subsection (s).

(8) "Non-Candidate Spending" means any combination of independent expenditures and/or member communications that are not behested by a candidate.

(b) Campaign Contribution Limitations.

(1) No intended candidate for the Board of Education, and no committee acting on behalf of such candidate, shall solicit or accept, or cause to be solicited or accepted, any contribution for use in any election for such office unless and until such candidate shall have filed a Declaration of Intent to Solicit and Receive Contributions in connection with candidacy for a specific Board of Education office. That declaration shall be filed with the City Ethics Commission on a form prescribed by the City Ethics Commission. Once the election takes place, the declaration is thereafter void. No person may have on file at the same time more than one declaration for any single election. A candidate may, however, file a form canceling one declaration and may thereafter file a new declaration.

(2) The candidate and the treasurers of the candidate's controlled committees shall file with the City Ethics Commission on a form prescribed by the City Ethics Commission a statement under oath that the candidate and the treasurers have read and understood Section 803. This statement shall be filed concurrent with the filing of the Declaration of Intent to Solicit and Receive Contributions.

(3) No person shall contribute a total of more than $1,000 to any candidate for the Board of Education and to his or her controlled committee for a single election. A candidate for the Board of Education shall not accept any contribution or contributions totaling more than $1,000 from any person for a single election. Nothing in this section is intended to limit the amount a candidate can contribute to his or her candidacy for the Board of Education from his or her personal funds.

(4) [Repealed.]

(5) No person shall make a contribution in connection with a single election for a Board of Education office, which would cause the aggregate amount of such contributions by that person to exceed a sum equal to $1,000 multiplied by the number of Board of Education offices appearing on the ballot at that election, but in no case less than $2,000, in connection with all candidates in that election seeking election to all Board of Education offices; provided, however, that a candidate shall not be limited by this Subdivision (5) in the amount he or she may contribute or expend in connection with his or her own campaign.

(6) No person shall make, and no person or candidate shall solicit or accept any loan of more than $1,000 for use in connection with an election for the Board of Education. Further, no person shall make, and no person or candidate shall solicit or accept any loan for use in connection with an election for a Board of Education office for a period of more than 30 days. Loans to a candidate or to a candidate's controlled committees shall be

~~counted against the contribution limitations applicable to the candidate. A candidate is not prohibited from obtaining a personal loan of any amount from a licensed financial lending institution in the regular course of business, unless the loan is made for political purposes. Every loan to a candidate or the candidate's controlled committee shall be by written agreement, which shall be filed with the candidate's or committee's campaign statement on which the loan is first reported. This Subdivision (6) shall not limit the amount or duration of loans from the candidate to his or her own campaign.~~

~~(7) Any contributions solicited or accepted pursuant to this section shall be expended only in connection with the candidacy for the office specified in the candidate's Declaration of Intent to Solicit and Receive Contributions. Contributions solicited or accepted pursuant to this section for one individual shall not be expended for the candidacy of any other individual seeking another Board of Education office or in support of or in opposition to any Los Angeles Unified School District ballot measure. No candidate, committee controlled by a candidate, or elected member of the Board of Education shall use contributed funds to make any contribution to any other candidate running for office or to any committee supporting or opposing a candidate for office. Provided, however, a candidate shall not be prohibited from making a contribution from his or her own personal funds to his or her own candidacy, to the candidacy of any other candidate or in support of or in opposition to any Los Angeles Unified School District ballot measure.~~

~~**(c) Adjustment of Limits.** Every four years, the City Ethics Commission shall review whether the contribution limitations contained in this section should be adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Long Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area. The first review shall begin at the end of the calendar year 2011. If the contribution limitations are not adjusted during any review period, the limitations may be adjusted in a subsequent four-year review period, up to the overall increase in the CPI since the last adjustment. Any change to the contribution limitations shall be effective for any subsequent election for which the fundraising period has not yet opened as provided in Subsection (q). The City Ethics Commission shall forward a report with its findings to the Council by March 1, following each review. Within 60 days after the City Ethics Commission forwards its report to the Council, the Council shall hold a public hearing concerning the matter and act to approve or disapprove the report. If the Council fails to disapprove within the 60 day period, the report shall be presented to the Mayor for approval or veto, and to the Council for override of the Mayor's veto. If approved by the Mayor, or if the Mayor fails to act, or if approved by the Council on override of the Mayor's veto, the amount specified in the report shall have the force of law as the contribution limitations applicable to this section, subject to all penalties and remedies in this section.~~

~~**(d) Cash Contributions and Anonymous Contributions.** No person shall make, and no candidate or committee shall solicit or accept, any cash contribution in excess of $25. Total anonymous contributions to a candidate or committee which exceed in the aggregate $200 with respect to a single election shall not be used by the candidate or committee for whom such contributions were intended, but instead, such excess shall be paid promptly to the City Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund of the City.~~

~~**(e) Campaign Contribution Checking Account.** No more than one campaign contribution checking account shall be established by each candidate for a Board of Education office, and by each committee supporting or opposing such candidate. The account shall be established at an office of a bank or savings and loan institution located in the City of Los Angeles. Upon~~

~~opening such account, the candidate shall file with the City Ethics Commission within ten days of opening the campaign bank account, the name of the bank or savings and loan institution and the account number. Funds shall only be disbursed from such account by checks signed by the candidate, treasurer or designated agent of the treasurer. A candidate, treasurer or designated agent of the treasurer shall deposit into the campaign checking account all contributions received in connection with a Board of Education election. A candidate, treasurer or designated agent of the treasurer shall pay all campaign expenditures for a Board of Education election with monies from this campaign checking account.~~

~~If a candidate has other controlled committees and such committees have checking accounts, the candidate shall notify the City Ethics Commission in writing of these committees and the names and addresses of the banks or savings and loan institutions and the account numbers of any such accounts. A candidate shall notify the City Ethics Commission of these committees, the banks or savings and loan institutions, and the account numbers concurrent with the filing of the Declaration of Intent to Solicit and Receive Contributions. If committees are thereafter formed or accounts thereafter opened, then the candidate shall notify the City Ethics Commission on the next regular business day on which the City Ethics Commission office is open. No contribution shall be commingled with the personal funds of the candidate or any other person.~~

~~This subsection shall not prohibit the establishment of savings accounts or certificates of deposit, provided that no campaign expenditures may be made therefrom.~~

~~**(f) Treasurer.** A candidate having campaign committees for election to the Board of Education shall appoint a treasurer of each committee. No expenditure shall be made by or on behalf of a committee without the authorization of the treasurer or that of his or her designated agents. No contribution or expenditure shall be accepted or made by or on behalf of a committee at a time when there is a vacancy in the office of treasurer. It shall be the duty of the candidate and the treasurer to approve and authorize such payments and to retain such authorizations, detailed accounts, records, bills and receipts.~~

~~**(g) Training for Candidates and Treasurers.** Every candidate for the Board of Education, and every treasurer of such candidate's controlled committee, shall attend a training program conducted or sponsored by the City Ethics Commission prior to the election at which the candidate's name will appear on the ballot.~~

~~**(h) Accountability.** The candidate and the treasurer shall maintain such detailed accounts, records, bills and receipts as are necessary to prepare campaign statements. The candidate and the treasurer shall retain the detailed accounts, records, bills and receipts for the periods specified in the Political Reform Act of 1974 as amended. Every candidate and committee shall make available on demand to any public officer having legal authority to enforce this section, details of checking and financial accounts of each committee controlled by the candidate and all records supporting such details.~~

~~**(i) Petty Cash Fund.** Subsection (e) notwithstanding, a candidate, campaign treasurer and other designated agents authorized to issue checks on a campaign contribution checking account may disburse to the candidate or committee establishing the checking account an amount not greater than $50 per week to be used for petty cash purposes by the candidate or committee.~~

~~**(j) Assumed Name Contributions.** No contribution shall be made, directly or indirectly,~~

by any person or combination of persons, acting jointly in a name other than the name by which they are identified for legal purposes, nor in the name of another person or combination of persons. No person shall make a contribution in his, her or its name of anything belonging to another person or received from another person on the condition that it be used as a contribution. In the event it is discovered by a candidate or committee treasurer that a contribution has been received in violation of this subsection, the candidate or treasurer shall promptly pay the amount received in violation of this subsection to the City Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund of the City.

(k) Campaign Expenditures - Uncontrolled by Candidate or Committee. Persons or organizations not subject to the control of a candidate or committee but who make independent expenditures for or against a candidate or committee shall indicate clearly on any material published, displayed or broadcast that it was not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate.

(l) Recall Petition. In the event a recall petition is filed, the committee or individual filing the petition shall be subject to the same campaign disclosure provisions as are applicable to candidates for the Board of Education.

(m) Suppliers of Goods and Services - Disclosure of Records Required. No person who supplies goods or services or both goods and services to a candidate or committee for use in connection with the campaign for a Board of Education office shall knowingly refuse to divulge or disclose to the City Ethics Commission or to any public officer having legal authority to enforce this section, the details and the records supporting such details of any expenditures made by the candidate or committee in payment for such goods or services or both.

(n) Aggregation of Payments. For the purposes of the contribution limitations contained in this section, contributions and/or expenditures from two or more persons will be aggregated and considered to be made by a single person for the purposes of the contribution limitations and reporting provisions contained in this section, if any of the circumstances listed below is applicable:

(1) Contributions and/or expenditures from a person will be aggregated with contributions and/or expenditures from any other person that controls his, her, or its contribution or expenditure activity;

(2) Contributions and/or expenditures from a sponsored committee, as defined in Government Code Section 82048.7, shall be aggregated with contributions and/or expenditures from its sponsoring organization;

(3) Contributions and/or expenditures from an entity shall be aggregated with contributions and/or expenditures from any other entity that has the same individuals constituting a majority of the members of each entity's board of directors;

(4) Contributions and/or expenditures from an entity shall be aggregated with contributions and/or expenditures from any other entity that has the same officers or with whom it shares a majority of officers. For the purposes of this subdivision, an officer does not include an individual who serves only as a member of the entity's board of directors;

(5) Contributions and/or expenditures from a corporation or limited liability company shall be aggregated with contributions and/or expenditures from any other corporation or limited liability company that has the same majority shareholder and/

~~or member or that holds a majority of voting rights in that corporation or limited liability company;~~

~~(6) Contributions and/or expenditures from a corporation shall be aggregated with contributions and/or expenditures from any parent or subsidiary corporation, provided that at least one of the corporations is not publicly traded;~~

~~(7) Contributions and/or expenditures from an individual shall be aggregated with contributions and/or expenditures from any corporation, limited liability company, firm, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company or other business entity not described in Subdivisions (8) or (9) below, in which the individual owns an investment of 50% or more or holds a majority of voting rights;~~

~~(8) Contributions and/or expenditures from an individual shall be aggregated with contributions and/or expenditures from any sole proprietorship the individual owns; or~~

~~(9) Contributions and/or expenditures from a general partner shall be aggregated with contributions and/or expenditures from any general or limited partnership in which the general partner owns an investment of 50% or more or in which the general partner holds a majority of voting rights.~~

~~**(o) Family Contributions.** Contributions by a husband and wife shall be treated as separate contributions. Contributions by children under eighteen years of age shall be treated as contributions by their parents and attributed proportionately to each parent (one-half to each parent or the total amount to a single custodial parent).~~

~~**(p) Return of Contributions.** A contribution shall not be considered to be received if it is not negotiated, deposited, or utilized, and is returned to the donor within 14 days of receipt.~~

~~**(q) Restrictions on When Contributions May Be Received.** No candidate for the Board of Education, or the controlled committee of that candidate, shall solicit or accept or cause to be solicited or accepted any contribution more than 18 months before the date of the election at which the candidate seeks office. No candidate for the Board of Education, or his or her controlled committee, shall solicit or receive or cause to be solicited or received a contribution to his or her own campaign committee from any person later than nine months after the date of the election. Contributions solicited or received or caused to be solicited or received by a candidate for the Board of Education, or his or her controlled committee, following his or her election shall be used to retire campaign debt.~~

~~**(r) Campaign Disclosure, Reporting and Recordkeeping.**~~

~~(1) In addition to the campaign statements required to be filed pursuant to the Political Reform Act, commencing with Government Code Section 81000, as amended, candidates for the Board of Education, their controlled committees and committees primarily formed to support or oppose these candidates shall file a pre-election statement on the Friday before the election. This statement shall have a closing date of the Wednesday before the election and shall cover activity and payments occurring through that day. Candidates for the Board of Education, their controlled committees and committees primarily formed to support or oppose these candidates shall also file campaign statements as follows in connection with a primary nominating election held in March:~~

~~(A) For the period ending September 30 of the year prior to the election,~~

~~a statement shall be filed no later than October 10, for the period from July 1 through September 30.~~

~~(B) For the period ending December 31 of the year prior to the election, a statement shall be filed no later than January 10, of the year of the election for the period from October 1 through December 31.~~

~~(2) No contribution shall be deposited into a campaign checking account of a candidate for the Board of Education unless the name, address, occupation and employer of the contributor is on file in the records of the recipient of the contribution.~~

~~(3) Each candidate, and each committee making independent expenditures or member communications in support of or opposition to a candidate, who sends a mailing or distributes more than 200 substantially similar pieces of campaign literature, shall send a copy of the mailing or other literature to the City Ethics Commission at the same time the mailing or other literature is given to the post office or otherwise distributed. During the election campaign, the Commission shall merely serve as a repository for this literature and shall not judge or comment on the contents of the literature.~~

~~(4) Any candidate for the Board of Education and the candidate's controlled committee required to file campaign statements with the City Ethics Commission shall file those campaign statements online, using the Commission's Electronic Filing System (EFS), after the candidate and/or committee has received contributions or made expenditures of $25,000 or more in connection with election to a Board of Education office.~~

~~(A) Once a candidate or committee is required to file campaign statements online, that candidate or committee shall continue to file statements online until the committee has officially terminated. Committees and other persons not required to file online by this subsection may do so voluntarily.~~

~~(B) A person required to file online shall continue to file a paper copy of each campaign statement, as required by the California Political Reform Act and this article, until the person is no longer required to file campaign statements with the City Ethics Commission. The paper copy shall continue to be the original campaign statement for audit and other legal purposes.~~

~~(C) In addition to any late filing penalties that may be imposed for a late filing of a paper copy pursuant to the California Political Reform Act or this article, any person who fails to comply with the online filing requirement of this subsection will, in addition, be subject to an additional late filing penalty of $25 per day after the deadline for the late filing of the online copy.~~

~~(D) The information contained on a campaign statement filed online shall be the same as that contained on the paper copy of the same statement that is filed with the City Ethics Commission.~~

~~(s) Disclosure of Payments for Independent Expenditures and Non-Behested Member Communications.~~

~~(1) Any person, including any committee, who makes or incurs independent expenditures of $1,000 or more in support of or in opposition to any candidate for the Board of Education, or one or more payments for member communications as defined by this~~

~~section, totaling $1,000 or more in support of or in opposition to a candidate for the Board of Education, shall notify the City Ethics Commission within 24 hours by certified mail or fax or e-mail each time one or more payments, which meet this threshold, are made.~~

~~(2) The notification shall consist of a declaration specifying each candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure, the amount spent to support or oppose each candidate, whether the candidate was supported or opposed, and that the expenditure was not behested by the candidate or candidates who benefited from the expenditure. This declaration shall be made under penalty of perjury and signed by the person or officer and the treasurer of the group making the expenditure. In addition, the date and amount of the payment, a description of the type of communication for which the payment was made or incurred, the name and address of the person making the payment, the name and address of the payee, and a copy of the mailing or advertisement, or a copy of the script or recording of the call, transmission, or advertisement, shall also be provided to the City Ethics Commission. The notification also shall include disclosure of contributions of $100 or more received by the committee since the day after the closing date of the committee's last campaign disclosure report filed within the Commission or since the first day of the current calendar year, whichever date occurs later; however, contributions that are received, but earmarked for any other candidate outside the Los Angeles Unified School District need not be disclosed. The notification also shall include disclosure of contributions of $100 or more made in the current calendar year by the person to Board of Education candidates or their controlled committees.~~

~~(3) City Ethics Commission staff will notify all candidates by phone, fax or e-mail in the affected race within one business day after receiving the notice of payments for independent expenditures and uncoordinated member communications of $1,000 or more. The notification will indicate the candidate who was supported or opposed by the expenditure as indicated on the signed declaration and include a copy of the communication provided by the person or group making the expenditure.~~

~~(4) For purposes of the notification required in Subdivision (1), payments by an organization for its regularly published newsletter or periodical, if the circulation is limited to the organization's members, employees, shareholders, other affiliated individuals and those who request or purchase the publication, shall not be required to be reported.~~

~~(5) Any committee, including but not limited to a candidate controlled committee and an independent expenditure committee, that makes or incurs payments for 1,000 or more recorded telephone calls or any other forms of electronic or facsimile transmission of substantially similar content, or that makes or incurs expenditures of $1,000 or more for a radio or television advertisement, in support of or opposition to any candidate(s) for Board of Education office, shall send a copy of the script or recording used for each communication to the Ethics Commission within 24 hours of the first time the calls, transmissions, or advertisements are made or aired.~~

~~**(t) Verification.** All declarations, reports and statements filed under this section shall be signed and verified by the filer under penalty of perjury. The candidate and any person signing declarations, reports and statements under this provision shall read, know and understand the contents of all these declarations, reports and statements.~~

~~**(u) Duties of City Ethics Commission.** The City Ethics Commission shall administer the provisions of this section. In addition to other duties required under the terms of this section, the~~

City Ethics Commission shall:

(1) Conduct audits and investigations of reports and statements filed by candidates and committees supporting or opposing candidates for Board of Education offices as required under the Political Reform Act of 1974, as amended, and Article VII and this section of the Charter. The City Ethics Commission shall employ investigators where necessary to fully investigate any person subject to this section.

(2) Enforce or cause to be enforced the provisions of this section pursuant to Section 90002(c) of the Government Code, in accordance with Article VII of the Charter.

(3) Report apparent violations of this section and applicable state law to the City Attorney or another appropriate law enforcement agency.

(v) Enforcement.

(1) **Criminal Enforcement -** Any person who knowingly or willfully violates any provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who knowingly or willfully causes any other person to violate any provision of this section, or who aids and abets any other person in the violation of any provision of this section, shall be liable under the provisions of this section. Prosecution for violation of any provision of this section must be commenced within four years after the date on which the violation occurred. No person convicted of a misdemeanor under this section shall act as a lobbyist or as a City contractor for a period of four years following the date of the conviction unless the court at the time of sentencing specifically determines that this provision shall not be applicable. For purposes of this section, a plea of nolo contendere shall be deemed a conviction.

(2) **Civil Enforcement.**

(A) Any person who intentionally or negligently violates any provision of this section shall be liable in a civil action brought by the City Attorney, the City Ethics Commission or by a person residing within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Unified School District for an amount not more than $5,000 per violation, or for more than three times the amount the person failed to report properly or unlawfully contributed, gave or received.

(B) Any person who intentionally or negligently makes or receives a contribution, or makes an expenditure, in violation of any provision of this section shall be liable in a civil action brought by the City Attorney or by a person residing within the City for an amount up to three times the amount of the unlawful contribution or expenditure.

(C) If two or more persons are responsible for any violation, they shall be jointly and severally liable.

(D) Any person, other than the City Attorney, before filing a civil action pursuant to this subsection, shall first file with the City Ethics Commission a written request for the City Ethics Commission to commence the action. The request shall contain a statement of the grounds for believing a cause of action exists. The City Ethics Commission shall respond within 40 days after receipt of the request, indicating whether it intends to file a civil action. If the City Ethics Commission indicates in the affirmative, and files suit within 40 days thereafter,

no other action may be brought unless the action brought by the City Ethics Commission is dismissed without prejudice.

(E) Not more than one judgment on the merits with respect to any violation may be obtained under this subsection. Actions brought for the same violation or violations shall have precedence for purposes of trial in the order of the time filed. Such actions shall be dismissed once judgment has been entered or a settlement approved by the court in a previously filed action. The court may dismiss a pending action without prejudice to any other action for failure of the plaintiff to proceed diligently and in good faith. The action may be so dismissed on motion by the City Attorney or any plaintiff in an action based on the same violation.

(F) In determining the amount of liability under this subsection, the court may take into account the seriousness of the violation and the degree of culpability of the defendant. If a judgment is entered against the defendant or defendants in an action, a private plaintiff shall receive 50% of the amount recovered. The remaining 50% shall be deposited into the City's General Fund. In an action brought by the City Attorney or the City Ethics Commission, the entire amount shall be paid to the General Fund.

(G) No civil action alleging a violation of this section shall be filed more than four years after the date the violation occurred.

(H) Any person residing within the Los Angeles Unified School District, including the Los Angeles City Attorney, may sue for injunctive relief to enjoin violations or to compel compliance with the provisions of this section. The court may award to a party, other than an agency, who prevails in any civil action authorized by this article, his or her costs of litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees; provided, however, that no such award may be granted against the City of Los Angeles.

(w) Effect of Violation on Outcome of Election.

(1) If a candidate is convicted of a misdemeanor violation of any provision of this section, the court shall make a determination as to whether the violation had a material effect on the outcome of the election. If the court finds such a material effect, then:

(A) if such conviction becomes final before the date of the election, the votes for such candidate shall not be counted, and the election shall be determined on the basis of the votes cast for the other candidates in that race;

(B) if such conviction becomes final after the date of the election, and if such candidate was declared to have been elected, then such candidate shall not assume office, the office shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled as otherwise provided in the Charter;

(C) if such conviction becomes final after the candidate has assumed office, then the candidate shall be removed from office, the office shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled as otherwise provided in the Charter; and

(D) the person so convicted shall be ineligible to hold any elected City

~~office or the office of a member of the Board of Education for a period of five years after the date of such conviction.~~

~~(2) The City Clerk shall not issue any certificate of nomination or election to any candidate until his or her pre-election campaign statements required by the Political Reform Act of 1974, as amended, or if no campaign statement is required, the written declaration permitted under Section 84205 of the Government Code, have been filed in the form and at the place required by the Political Reform Act of 1974.~~

~~**(x) Late Filing Penalties.** If any person files an original statement or report after any deadline imposed by this article, he or she shall, in addition to any other penalties or remedies established by the article, be liable to the City Ethics Commission in the amount of $25 per day after the deadline until the statement or report is filed. Liability need not be enforced by the Commission if on an impartial basis it determines that the late filing was not willful and that enforcement of the liability will not further the purposes of the article, except that no liability shall be waived if a statement or report is not filed within 30 days.~~

~~**(y) Severability.** If any provision or portion of this section, or its application to any person or circumstance, is held invalid by any court, the remainder of this section or the application of such provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected.~~

Sec. 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or application of this Charter amendment or any portion thereof is held unconstitutional or invalid by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, sentences, phrases, portions, or applications of this Charter amendment shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Charter amendment are severable. In addition, the voters declare that they would have passed all sections, subsections, clauses, sentences, phrases, portions, and applications of this Charter amendment without the section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, portion, or application held unconstitutional or invalid.

Voter Bill of Rights

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS

1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
   - ★ a U.S. citizen living in California
   - ★ at least 18 years old
   - ★ registered where you currently live
   - ★ Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
   - ★ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.**
   You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
   Ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot,
   Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or
   Vote using a provisional ballot.
6. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
7. **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

On the web at **www.sos.ca.gov**
By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
By email at **elections@sos.ca.gov**

Voter Accessibility Information

Accessibility and other assisted devices
(800) 815-2666, Option 4 (LA County Hotline)

LA County Vote Centers provide wheelchair accessibility and/or curbside voting. Inside the Vote Center you may find devices to assist you in your voting experience.

Audio Recordings (213) 978-0444
Audio equipment is available at all Vote Centers to assist you.

Audio recordings of the measures included in this booklet are available in English, Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. These recordings are available on our website: clerk.lacity.gov/elections/multilingual-services and at the following locations:

Braille Institute Library
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(323) 660-3880

Central Library
630 West 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 228-7000

Voters may also request a copy of the audio recordings from our office:

Office of the City Clerk-Election Division
Attn: Audio Recordings
555 Ramirez Street, Space 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

TTD Phone Number (562) 462-2259
A TTD phone number is provided for voters who are hearing impaired.

Language Assistance (213) 978-0444
The City also provides voting materials in Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

Your City. Your Voice. Your Neighborhood Council!

Want to do something about potholes? Have an idea for a community beautification initiative? Looking for meaningful ways to connect with your community?

Get involved with your Neighborhood Council!

Neighborhood Councils are made up of people in YOUR community who work to ensure the City of Los Angeles is responsive to the needs, challenges, and aspirations of your neighborhood. As elected volunteer advisory bodies, Neighborhood Councils serve as **YOUR voice in City Hall**.

Neighborhood Councils serve an important role in the Los Angeles City government by:

- Advising City leaders and advocating on local issues,
- Setting priorities for community & capital improvement projects,
- Monitoring and making recommendations on City services such as street and sidewalk repair, public safety, and trash collection,
- Funding events, projects, and initiatives in their community,
- And more!

Los Angeles has 99 Neighborhood Councils.
Considered the nation's largest grassroots civic engagement model, each one serves the Angelenos who live, work, study, worship, own property or a business, or volunteer within the neighborhood.

Get Involved Today

Neighborhood Council Elections are taking place in 2027. As an Angeleno, you can become a community leader by running for a seat on your Neighborhood Council and by being a voter in this important election.

Visit www.99NCs.com to find your Neighborhood Council and learn about the 2027 Neighborhood Council Elections, or contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at EmpowerLA@LACity.org or (213) 978-1551.

Your Voting Options

VOTE-BY-MAIL

- Return by Mail
  - Must be postmarked by Election Day and received within 7 days
- Drop off
  - At a Ballot Drop Box Location
  - At a LA County Vote Center

Remember to SIGN the back of your Vote-By-Mail Envelope!

VOTE CENTERS

- Vote in person
- Drop off your Vote-By-Mail ballot

SCAN TO FIND VOTE CENTER HOURS AND LOCATIONS

or visit locator.lavote.gov/locations/vc

SCAN HERE!

Vote early!
Vote Centers open as early as October 24, 2026