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POLICY & LEGISLATION UPDATE

May 2009

FULL PUBLIC FINANCING OF CITY CAMPAIGNS

CF # 05-1536	Status: Pending with Rules Committee and Budget Committee.
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On November 14, 2006, the Commission approved a detailed full public financing proposal, which was transmitted to the City Council on December 14, with a request for additional input. It was heard by the Rules & Elections Committee on April 11 and May 9, 2007. The office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) prepared a committee report, which identifies the commission's proposal as one option for a system of full public financing.

On August 21, 2007, we and the California Clean Money Campaign (CCMC) participated in a training session for the field staff in the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). The CCMC is in the process of conducting neighborhood council workshops, to solicit their feedback regarding full public financing within the City. DONE has been asked to report to the Rules & Government Committee regarding any feedback received from the neighborhood councils through this process. Pursuant to a 2005 City Council policy adopted through Council File No. 05-0553, this file will expire on May 8, 2009.

CPI REVIEW & AMENDMENT TO LAMC § 49.7.1.2

CF # 08-1056	Status: Pending with Rules Committee.
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In March and April 2008, the Ethics Commission conducted the first mandatory review of certain campaign finance limits, in light of changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Based on an analysis of actual contribution and expenditure patterns in City campaigns and by City officeholders, the Commission determined that no adjustments should be made to the limits at this time. However, the Commission did recommend that Los Angeles Municipal Code § 49.7.1.2 be amended to improve the process for conducting future CPI reviews. A letter was transmitted to the City Council on April 25. The matter has been referred to the Rules & Government Committee.

HORIZON SNAPSHOT

May 2009

Ideal Timeline For Commission Consideration

May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	August 2009	September 2009
• Ordinance language for lobbying proposal.	• Ordinance language for lobbying proposal. • Recusal analysis.	• Ordinance language for lobbying proposal.	• IEs in the wake of Measure R. • Ex parte communications.	• Financial disclosure by City officials. • Opinion/advice regulations.

Work Underway

Issue	Target Date	Subject Area
AB 491 comments (defacing election materials).	May 2009	Campaign Finance
Conflict of interests code for the city clerk's office.	May 2009	Governmental Ethics
Conflict of interests code for the zoo.	May 2009	Governmental Ethics
Formal advice regarding post-employment restrictions	May 2009	Governmental Ethics
Ordinance language for lobbying proposal.	Jun 2009	Lobbying
Commissioner recusal analysis.	Jun 2009	Governmental Ethics
Ordinance language for lobbying proposal.	Jul 2009	Lobbying
IRV issues (CF #s 09-1100-S1, 09-1100-S4).	Jul 2009	Campaign Finance
Transmittal regarding lobbying proposal.	Jul 2009	Lobbying
Independent expenditure laws, in the wake of Measure R.	Aug 2009	Campaign Finance
Ex parte communications policy (CF # 07-3294).	Aug 2009	Lobbying
Financial disclosure by City officials.	Sep 2009	Governmental Ethics
Regulations that govern Commission opinions and advice.	Sep 2009	Miscellaneous
GEO regulations regarding gifts (CF # 06-3216).	Oct 2009	Governmental Ethics
GEO regulations regarding current City officials (CF # 05-1425).	Oct 2009	Governmental Ethics
Regulations regarding gifts of travel (currently housed in CAO Rule 6).	Oct 2009	Governmental Ethics
GEO regulations regarding former City officials (CF # 07-3732).	Nov 2009	Governmental Ethics
GEO regulations regarding contracts/contractors.	Nov 2009	Governmental Ethics
Officeholder accounts.	Dec 2009	Campaign Finance
Disgorgement and infractions policies.	Jan 2010	Campaign Finance
Transparent processes for personal services contracts (CF #s 08-1110, 08-1398).	Jan 2010	Governmental Ethics
Financial disclosure for neighborhood councils other than Form 54 (CF # 08-0351-S1).	Pending w/council	Governmental Ethics
Ordinance that establishes a Citywide gift policy (CF # 07-3727).	Pending w/city atty	Governmental Ethics