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**CITY ETHICS COMMISSION VOTES TO ADJUST CONTRIBUTION LIMITS  
AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO OFFICEHOLDER ACCOUNTS**

At a special meeting today, the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission voted, in compliance with Los Angeles City Charter section 702(h), to adjust City campaign contribution limits to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The adjustments were based on July 2000, which is when the current version of the Charter became effective.

The adjustments result in contribution limits to City Council candidates of \$700 per person, per election and contribution limits to Citywide candidates of \$1,300 per person, per election. The Commission voted to adjust other limits, as well, including the aggregate contribution limit, the aggregate non-individual contribution limit, and the per-person, per-election limits on loans to candidates. All of these adjustments are effective immediately and apply to candidates in the 2013 regular elections.

In addition to adjusting contribution limits to reflect changes in CPI, the Commission also voted to recommend changes to the City's officeholder account provisions, including eliminating officeholder expenditures for candidates, political parties, and ballot measures; aligning the officeholder account blackout period with the blackout period on City funds; eliminating exemptions to the spending cap; and allowing for the payment of certain unforeseen campaign expenses. These recommendations require changes to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to become effective and will be forwarded to the City Council for review and adoption.

The Ethics Commission will continue its review of the City's campaign finance laws for the next several months. On April 5, recommendations regarding the City's public matching funds program will be discussed. Recommendations regarding other campaign finance issues, such as disclosure and enforcement, will be discussed at meetings on future dates, including May 3 and June 7.

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*The City Ethics Commission was created by Los Angeles voters in 1990 to impartially administer and enforce the governmental ethics, campaign financing, and lobbying laws of the City of Los Angeles.*