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**INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES EXCEED \$500,000 IN CITY RACES**  
**CITY CANDIDATES HAVE RECEIVED \$168,000 IN PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS**

Independent expenditures have reached the half-million mark in the races for the seven City Council seats that will appear on the March 8 ballot. In District 2, incumbent Paul Krekorian faces challenger Augusto Bisani. In District 4, incumbent Tom LaBonge faces challengers Stephen Box and Tomás O’Grady. In District 6, incumbent Tony Cardenas faces challengers David Barron, James Cordaro, and Rich Goodman. In District 8, incumbent Bernard Parks faces challengers Forescee Hogan-Rowles and Jabari Jumaane. In District 10, incumbent Herb Wesson faces five challengers: Chris Brown, Austin Dragon, Andrew Kim, Luis Montoya, and Althea Shaw. In District 12, six candidates vie for an open seat: Armineh Chelebian, Mitchell Englander, Dinesh Lakhanpal, Kelly Lord, Navraj Singh, and Brad Smith. In District 14, incumbent José Huizar faces challenger Rudy Martinez.

To date, independent entities have made expenditures totaling \$536,149 to support and oppose candidates for City Council, including \$357,741 to support Forescee Hogan-Rowles; \$88,478 to support and oppose Bernard Parks; \$50,615 to support and oppose José Huizar; and \$24,110 to support Rudy Martinez.

Of the 26 City Council candidates on the March ballot, 18 agreed to participate in the Public Matching Funds Program, including incumbents Paul Krekorian, José Huizar, Tom LaBonge, and Bernard Parks. To date, four candidates have received Public Matching Funds: Forescee Hogan-Rowles has received \$16,289; José Huizar has received \$100,000; Bernard Parks has received \$34,571; and Navraj Singh has received \$17,500.

Independent expenditures are expenditures of \$1,000 or more that are made to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures and are not coordinated with a candidate or a candidate-controlled committee. There is no limit to the amount that may be spent independently. Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) § 49.7.26(A) requires independent expenditures to be reported within 24 hours of being made. For this reason, independent expenditure numbers may change and are updated on the Commission’s website daily.

For additional information about independent spending in the City Council races, please visit the Commission’s website at [http://ethics.lacity.org/disclosure/campaign/search/public\\_ie\\_search.cfm](http://ethics.lacity.org/disclosure/campaign/search/public_ie_search.cfm), or call the Commission at (213) 978-1960.

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