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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM CAMPAIGN FINANCE DATA
REPORTED FOR THE 2017 ELECTIONS**

The upcoming primary elections for the City and for the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD) will be held on March 7, 2017. City and state laws require candidates and others who participate in those elections to regularly disclose their activities, including providing the public with information about their contributions and expenditures. Filing deadlines are set by law, and the information that is filed electronically is publicly accessible immediately upon filing on the campaign finance section of the Ethics Commission's website at ethics.lacity.org/campaignfinance.cfm.

The City's second pre-election filings were due yesterday, February 23, and cover campaign activity through February 18. According to reports filed to date, the total funds raised by candidates in Citywide elections has reached over \$5,208,630, funds raised in City Council races total approximately \$3,991,666, and LAUSD candidates have raised \$1,144,835. The Citywide race with the highest contribution total is the mayoral race in which over \$4 million has been raised by all mayoral candidates, exceeding the total contributions raised in all City Council races combined. The races for Council Districts 5 and 7 have the most in reported contributions for all Council races with over \$780,000 raised by candidates in the Council District 7 race, and Council District 5 candidates raising approximately \$739,086. Over \$719,699 has been raised by candidates in the LAUSD District 4 race.

Candidate spending has reached nearly \$3,691,762 in the Citywide races, about \$3,249,263 for all Council races, and over \$682,516 in the LAUSD races. Citywide candidate spending has been highest in the mayoral race, with nearly \$3,272,779 in reported expenditures. Candidates in the Council District 5 race have spent nearly \$770,000, the most out of all Council races on the ballot. For LAUSD races, the most candidate expenditures have been reported for LAUSD District 4, totaling over \$372,200.

Independent spending has reached \$16,800 in the Citywide races, and \$598,420 for Council races. The most independent spending to support or oppose a candidate has been made in the Council District 5 race with over \$221,450 in expenditures. Independent spending for the LAUSD elections has reached over \$4,055,951, with approximately \$2,937,049 of that spent on the LAUSD District 4 race.

The expenditure ceilings have been lifted in the mayoral, Council District 5, and Council District 7 races for the upcoming March 7 primary elections. The mayoral race is the only race in which the non-individual contribution limit has been lifted.

For questions about the disclosure requirements or how to access campaign data online, please contact the Ethics Commission.

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