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EXPENDITURE CEILING LIFTED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 11

The expenditure ceiling was lifted on Friday, March 3, in the race for City Council District 11 as a result of independent spending. Currently, independent spending in that race totals nearly \$96,842.

Candidates who participate in the City's matching funds program agree to limit their campaign expenditures in both the primary and general elections. For tomorrow's March 7 primary election, the expenditure ceiling for participating City Council candidates is \$498,000. The expenditure ceiling in a particular race is lifted and no longer applies when independent spending in the race reaches a certain level. For City Council races, that level is currently \$80,000.

Independent spending occurs when a person incurs certain costs for a communication that supports or opposes a candidate or ballot measure and is not coordinated with or authorized by a candidate. In the 90 days prior to an election, a person must report independent spending and provide a copy of the communication to the Ethics Commission within 24 hours of making or incurring the costs.

To date, the expenditure ceiling has been lifted in the mayoral race and the races for Council Districts 1, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13. Independent spending has reached over \$1,291,632 in all City races and approximately \$5,381,677 in the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education races. Additional information about both independent spending and candidate spending in the 2017 elections, including disclosure reports and campaign communications, is available on the "campaign finance" page at ethics.lacity.org.

The 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.