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**CONTRIBUTION LIMITS EFFECTIVE  
FOR MAY 21 ELECTIONS**

The City will be conducting elections again on May 21, 2013, and contribution limits are in effect for those elections. A regular general election will feature runoffs for Mayor; City Attorney; City Controller; City Council Districts 1, 9, and 13; and Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD) District 6. A special primary election to fill a vacancy in City Council District 6 will be on the same ballot. Four City measures will also appear on the ballot.

City law limits the amount a single person may contribute to a single candidate. The limits for 2013 are **\$700** to a City Council candidate, **\$1,000** to a LAUSD candidate, and **\$1,300** to a Mayoral, City Attorney, or Controller candidate. The limits apply per election, so a person who, for example, gave a City Council candidate \$700 in the primary election may give that same candidate an additional \$700 in the general election. There are no limits on contributions to ballot measure committees.

City law also limits the cumulative amount that a single person may contribute to all candidates in a given election. The limit is based on the type of office and the number of seats on the ballot and does not apply to a candidate's contributions to his or her own campaign. For the May 21 elections, the cumulative limits are as follows:

City Regular General Election:	\$6,000 to all candidates combined
LAUSD Regular General Election:	\$2,000 to all candidates combined
City Special Primary Election:	\$1,400 to all candidates combined

When two or more persons are very closely associated, their contributions must be aggregated and treated as having been made by one person. The total amount contributed by all aggregated persons is subject to the per-person and cumulative contribution limits. In addition, if one person is prohibited from contributing, all parties aggregated with that person are also prohibited from contributing.

Additional information about City and LAUSD elections and campaign financing laws may be obtained through the Ethics Commission's web site or by calling the Ethics Commission offices.

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*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.*