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INDEPENDENT SPENDING EXCEEDS \$1.2 MILLION IN LAUSD RUN-OFF ELECTION

Independent spending has surpassed \$1.2 million in the run-off for the District 5 seat on the Los Angeles Unified School District Board. The run-off, or general election, will be held May 17.

No incumbent ran for the District 5 seat in the March primary election, and no challengers received more than 50 percent of the vote. Challengers Luis Sanchez and Bennett Kayser received enough votes to proceed to the run-off. Since the primary election, over \$598,000 has been spent to support and over \$263,000 has been spent to oppose Sanchez. Nearly \$358,000 has been spent to support and nearly \$19,000 has been spent to oppose Kayser.

Most of this independent spending has been done by three entities. United Teachers Los Angeles— Political Action Council of Educators (UTLA-PACE) has spent over \$620,000 to support Kayser and oppose Sanchez. Citizens for Better Schools in Support of Sanchez for Los Angeles Unified School District Board 2011 (major funding by Service Employees International Union Local 99) has spent nearly \$318,000 to support Sanchez and oppose Kayser. The Coalition for School Reform to Support Sanchez for Board of Education 2011 has spent over \$280,000 to support Sanchez and oppose Kayser.

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 City Charter § 803(s)(1) 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 LAUSD Board races, please visit http://ethics.lacity.org/disclosure/campaign/search/public_ie_search.cfm, or contact the Commission at (213) 978-1960

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