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**EXPENDITURE CEILING LIFTED BY  
INDEPENDENT SPENDING IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 RACE**

The expenditure ceiling in the Council District 4 race was lifted on the evening of Thursday, May 14.

Candidates who participate in the City's matching funds program agree to limit their campaign expenditures in both the primary and general elections. The expenditure ceiling in a particular race is lifted for all candidates and no longer applies when independent spending in support of or opposition to a single candidate reaches a certain level. For the general election in Council District 4, the expenditure ceiling is \$408,000 and the level of independent expenditures that lifts the ceiling is \$78,000.

Independent spending occurs when a person incurs certain costs for a communication that supports or opposes a candidate or ballot measure, and the communication is not coordinated with or authorized by a candidate. During 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.

Additional information about both independent spending and candidate spending in the 2015 elections, including disclosure reports and campaign communications, is available on the "campaign finance" page at [ethics.lacity.org](http://ethics.lacity.org).

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