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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DATA FOR THE 2017 ELECTIONS

The next elections for the City and for the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education will be held on March 7 and May 16, 2017. City and state laws require candidates and others who participate in those elections to disclose their activities, including providing the public with information about their contributions and expenditures.

This information is filed with the Ethics Commission and can be accessed through the Ethics Commission's website at ethics.lacity.org/campaignfinance.cfm. Filing deadlines are set by law, and the information that is filed electronically is publicly accessible immediately upon filing.

The public can view the committee disclosure statements of candidates, officeholders, independent spenders, and those supporting or opposing ballot measures, as well as information about and copies of campaign communications. In addition, the public may conduct searches for specific information regarding particular candidates, contributors, expenditures, and campaign communications. Search results may be printed, and data may be downloaded into spreadsheets.

The next filing deadline for candidate campaign statements is January 26, 2017, covering activity from January 1 through January 21. Information regarding contributions of \$1,000 or more and independent expenditures must currently be filed within 24 hours. In addition to data about the upcoming elections, campaign finance data dating back to 1998 is also available online.

"One of the most important functions of the Ethics Commission is creating transparency, so that the public is equipped with information that helps them make voting decisions and understand who is financially participating in their elections," said Ethics Commission Executive Director Heather Holt. "We take that mandate very seriously and, to facilitate it, have been providing online access to comprehensive campaign data for nearly 20 years."

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.