LOS ANGELES CITY ETHICS COMMISSION N E W S

... preserving the public trust

For Immediate Release: February 2, 2015

Contact: Lisa Ishimaru (213) 978-1960

INDEPENDENT SPENDING EXCEEDS \$100,000 IN LAUSD DISTRICT 5 RACE

On Friday, January 30, independent spending surpassed \$100,000 in the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD) District 5 race. To date, all of the independent spending in this race has been done by two organizations:

- Political Action Council of Educators (sponsored by teacher unions, including United Teachers Los Angeles) has spent \$13,831 to support Bennett Kayser.
- Parent Teacher Alliance in Support of Rodriguez, Galatzan, Vladovic and McKenna for School Board 2015 (sponsored by CCSA Advocates Independent Expenditure Committee) has spent \$55,424 to oppose Bennett Kayser and \$42,660 to support Ref Rodriguez.

Independent spending occurs when a person, including an organization, 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. Currently, 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.

The primary LAUSD and City elections will be held on March 3, 2015. Additional information about independent spending in these elections, including disclosure reports and campaign communications, is available on the "campaign finance" page at ethics.lacity.org.

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.