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SPENDING IN 2013 ELECTIONS EXCEEDED \$66 MILLION

The combined spending of candidates and non-candidate committees (independent expenditures) in the 2013 City and Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD) elections exceeded \$66 million, according to a report presented yesterday to the Ethics Commission.

As of the end of the most recent reporting period, spending in the 2013 City elections totaled \$58,681,849, with 75 percent being spent by candidates and 25 percent being spent through independent expenditures. This exceeds the 2001 record of \$49,158,983, when 93 percent was spent by candidates and seven percent was spent through independent expenditures.

In the 2013 LAUSD elections, total spending was \$7,389,768, with 83 percent being spent through independent expenditures. This exceeds the 2007 record of \$7,100,897, when 100 percent of spending was done by candidates.

City and LAUSD candidates have received a total of \$34,430,730 in contributions. Contributions in the mayoral race totaled \$20,063,070, which exceeded the contributions in all other races combined. Candidates in the 2013 City elections have spent \$44,026,787 on their campaigns, and candidates in the LAUSD elections have spent a total of \$1,223,241.

Independent expenditures in the City and LAUSD elections reached an all-time high of \$20,821,588. Of that total, \$14,655,062 was spent in City races, and the remaining \$6,166,526 was spent in LAUSD races. During the primary elections, independent expenditures exceeded \$3 million in the mayoral race and \$1 million in each of the LAUSD races. The previous record was set in 2011, when independent expenditures in the regular elections reached \$6,169,056 (\$1,509,876 in City races and \$4,659,180 in LAUSD races).

The 2013 elections included races for Mayor, City Attorney, City Controller, each odd-numbered City Council district, City Council District 6, and each even-numbered LAUSD district. Based on the most recent campaign finance data, the 2013 City elections are the most expensive in Ethics Commission history.

Reports filed by candidates and independent expenditure committees, searchable information about campaign financing, and the complete Ethics Commission report are available at ethics.lacity.org or by contacting the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

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.