

## Independent Spending Exceeds 1 Million Dollars in LAUSD District 5 Special Election

Independent spending in the special election to fill the vacancy in Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD) District 5 has reached approximately \$1,113,422. The special primary election will be held March 5, 2019, and a general election, if necessary, will be held May 14.

Independent spending occurs when a person, including an organization, incurs costs to support or oppose a candidate and does not coordinate with a candidate. When a person makes or incurs at least \$1,000 in independent spending, the person must report the spending and provide a copy of the related communication to the Ethics Commission. Currently in the LAUSD District 5 race, that reporting must be done within 24 hours of making or incurring the costs.

Candidates also have reporting requirements. The second pre-election disclosure statement, covering campaign activity through February 16, 2019, was due February 21. According to these filings, candidates have raised approximately \$923,058 and spent approximately \$858,959.

Summaries and details about the LAUSD District 5 special election are provided on the [Election Totals](#) page. In addition, reports of campaign contributions, campaign communications, and independent spending may be searched and viewed through the [Public Data Portal](#).

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