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.

The 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.