

EXPENDITURE CEILING LIFTED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 12 PRIMARY ELECTION

The expenditure ceiling was lifted today in the primary election race for City Council District (CD) 12 as a result of independent spending. Currently, independent spending in that race totals \$100,913.

Candidates who participate in the City's matching funds program must limit their campaign spending in both the primary and general elections. For the upcoming March 3 primary election, the expenditure ceiling for participating City Council candidates is \$537,000. The expenditure ceiling is lifted and no longer applies in a particular race when independent spending reaches a certain threshold, which depends on the type of race. For a City Council race, the threshold is currently \$86,000 spent in one election to support or oppose one candidate.

There are two candidates on the CD 12 primary election ballot: John Lee and Loraine Lundquist. To date, independent spending in the amount of \$100,330 has been reported in support of John Lee, and independent spending in the amount of \$583 has been reported in support of Loraine Lundquist.

Independent spending occurs when a person incurs certain costs for a political communication that supports or opposes a candidate or ballot measure and the communication is not coordinated with or authorized by a candidate. At this point in the election, 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.

Additional information about the candidates, independent spending, and political communications in the CD 12 primary election is available on the [Election Totals](#) page. Campaign activity and political communications may also be searched on 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.