

## EXPENDITURE CEILING LIFTED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 PRIMARY ELECTION

The expenditure ceiling was lifted today in the primary election race for City Council District (CD) 4 as a result of independent spending. Currently, independent spending in that race totals \$114,782.

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 three candidates on the CD 4 primary election ballot: Sarah Kate Levy, Nithya Raman, and David E. Ryu. To date, independent spending in the amount of \$114,199 has been reported in support of David E. Ryu, and independent spending in the amount of \$583 has been reported in support of Nithya Raman. No independent expenditures have been reported to support or oppose Sarah Kate Levy.

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 4 primary election is available on the [Election Totals](#) page. Campaign activity and political communications may also be searched on the [Public Data Portal](#).

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