

INDEPENDENT SPENDING EXCEEDS \$3 MILLION IN LAUSD RACES

With less than one month remaining before the November 3 general elections, independent spending has surpassed \$3 million in the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD) races.

Two seats are on the LAUSD general ballot. The run-off candidates in LAUSD District 3 are Marilyn Koziatek and Scott Schmerelson, and the run-off candidates in LAUSD District 7 are Patricia Castellanos and Tanya Franklin. Independent spending has been reported for all four candidates, with totals exceeding \$1.5 million in both races.

Independent spending occurs when a person, including an organization, 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. Under federal, state, and City law, independent spending is not limited. At this point in the campaign, 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.

The general LAUSD and City elections will be held on November 3, 2020. Additional information about the candidates, independent spending, and political communications 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.