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**EXPENDITURE CEILINGS LIFTED BY
INDEPENDENT SPENDING IN TWO COUNCIL RACES**

Expenditure ceilings in two of the seven City Council races on the March 3 ballot have been lifted as a result of independent spending. The expenditure ceilings in the Council District 6 and Council District 14 races were both lifted on Friday, January 30.

Candidates who participate in the City's matching funds program agree to limit their campaign expenditures in both the primary and general elections. For the upcoming primary election, the expenditure ceiling for participating City Council candidates is \$489,000.

The expenditure ceiling in a particular race is lifted and no longer applies when independent spending in the race reaches a certain level, which is \$78,000 in the current City Council races. The expenditure ceiling may also be lifted when a candidate who is not participating in the matching funds program spends more than the expenditure ceiling in that race.

Independent spending occurs when a person incurs certain costs for a communication that supports or opposes a candidate or ballot measure, and the communication is not coordinated with or authorized by a candidate. During an 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.

To date, independent spending in all upcoming City elections has reached \$278,797. Additional information about both independent spending and candidate spending in the 2015 elections, including disclosure reports and campaign communications, is available on the "campaign finance" page at ethics.lacity.org.

The City 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.