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CITY AND LAUSD CAMPAIGN FINANCE DATA AS OF MARCH 1

The primary elections for the City and the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD) will be held on March 7, 2017. The candidates in those elections were required to file their third pre-election disclosure statements by Friday, March 3, covering their campaign activity through March 1.

According to the third pre-election filings, candidates have raised approximately \$5,492,576 in the Citywide races, \$4,272,949 in the City Council races, and \$1,281,095 in the LAUSD races. Mayoral candidates have raised nearly \$4,342,476, which exceeds the fundraising in all City Council races combined. The most fundraising in City Council races has occurred in Council Districts 5 and 7, where candidates have raised approximately \$814,505 and \$779,717, respectively. The LAUSD candidates who have raised the most are those in District 4, with nearly \$799,277 in reported contributions.

Candidate spending has reached approximately \$4,750,883 in the Citywide races, \$4,226,575 in the City Council races, and \$1,061,492 in the LAUSD races. At over \$4,102,066 in total expenditures, the mayoral candidates have reported spending the most. The highest level of spending in City Council races has occurred in Council District 5, where candidates have spent nearly \$881,320. For LAUSD races, the most spending has been reported in District 4, where candidates have spent approximately \$616,508.

Independent spending has reached nearly \$1,291,633 in the City elections, with \$21,177 spent in the Citywide races and \$1,270,456 spent in the City Council races. At over \$356,015, City Council District 5 has experienced the most independent spending. In the LAUSD elections, independent spending has reached approximately \$5,381,677—the second highest level of all time. The most independent spending in those races has occurred in LAUSD District 4, where approximately \$3,808,471 has been reported.

City and state laws require candidates and others who participate in City and LAUSD elections to regularly disclose their activities, including providing the public with information about their contributions and expenditures. Filing deadlines are set by law, and the information that is filed electronically is publicly accessible immediately upon filing through the campaign finance page of the Ethics Commission's website (ethics.lacity.org/campaignfinance.cfm).

For questions about the disclosure requirements or how to access campaign data online, please contact the Ethics Commission.

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.