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**INDEPENDENT SPENDING EXCEEDS \$2 MILLION IN LAUSD RACES**

Independent spending has surpassed \$2 million in the races for the four Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education seats that will appear on the March 8 ballot. Over \$1.1 million has been spent in the last two weeks.

In Districts 1 and 3, all independent spending has been done to support the two incumbents. Nearly \$438,000 has been spent to support District 1 incumbent Marguerite LaMotte, and over \$335,000 has been spent to support District 3 incumbent Tamar Galatzan.

In District 5, a race with no incumbent, independent spending has focused on three candidates. Over \$495,000 has been spent to support and over \$192,000 has been spent to oppose Luis Sanchez. In addition, nearly \$114,000 has been spent to support Bennett Kayser, and more than \$35,000 has been spent to support John Fernandez. In District 7, over \$444,000 has been spent to support incumbent Richard Vladovic, while more than \$35,000 has been spent to support challenger Jesus Escandon.

Most of this independent spending has been done by two entities. United Teachers Los Angeles—Political Action Council of Educators (UTLA-PACE) has spent \$803,387 to oppose Luis Sanchez and to support Jesus Escandon, John Fernandez, Bennett Kayser, and Marguerite LaMotte. The Coalition for School Reform to Support Galatzan, Sanchez, and Vladovic has spent \$729,122 to support Tamar Galatzan, Luis Sanchez, and Richard Vladovic.

Independent expenditures are expenditures of \$1,000 or more that are made to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures and are not coordinated with a candidate or a candidate-controlled committee. There is no limit to the amount that may be spent independently. Los Angeles City Charter § 803(s)(1) requires independent expenditures to be reported within 24 hours of being made. For this reason, independent expenditure numbers may change and are updated on the Commission's website daily.

For additional information about independent spending in the LAUSD Board races, please visit [http://ethics.lacity.org/disclosure/campaign/search/public\\_ie\\_search.cfm](http://ethics.lacity.org/disclosure/campaign/search/public_ie_search.cfm), or contact the Commission at (213) 978-1960.

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