

EXPENDITURE CEILING LIFTED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 12 GENERAL ELECTION

As a result of independent spending, the expenditure ceiling was lifted today in the special general election race for City Council District (CD) 12. John Lee and Loraine Lundquist are the two candidates in that race, and the election will be held August 13.

Candidates who participate in the City's matching funds program must limit their campaign spending in both the primary and general elections. The two remaining CD 12 candidates are both participating in the program, and their expenditure ceiling in the general election is \$448,000 each.

The expenditure ceiling is lifted and no longer applies in a particular race when independent spending reaches a certain level. For the CD 12 special general election, the threshold is \$86,000 spent to support or oppose one candidate. The expenditure ceiling was lifted in the CD 12 race, because over \$109,000 has been reported in support of Loraine Lundquist. As of today, total independent spending in the race exceeds \$139,000.

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 12 special general election 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.