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**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING**
**Wednesday, September 5,
2018**
6:00 PM

4024 Radford Avenue, Editorial 2 Bldg., Room 6
Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 655-5400

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Committee Members: Eric Preven (Board Member, Chair), Barry Johnson (Stakeholder, Vice Chair), Marsha Newman (Stakeholder), Lisa Karadjian (Board Member), Victoria Shulem (Stakeholder), Patrick Lewis (ex-officio).

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Approval of August Government Affairs Committee minutes (3 min).
3. Update by the Committee Chair (2 min).
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction
5. Response(s) to public comments by Committee Members (5 min).
6. **Proposed Amendments to the City's Public Matching Fund Program:** (30 min).

Candidates reach potential voters by buying advertising space and traveling around the city to meet citizens. Without the money to support their campaign, they cannot advertise themselves and make themselves known to the voting public. Money is so important in political campaigns because money reaches the voters.

On August 21, 2018, after six months of detailed review and discussion, the Ethics Commission of the City of Los Angeles unanimously approved recommendation to amend certain aspects of the City's campaign finance laws.

Several factors led to this review. First, the voters adopted a change to the City's election cycle, which will move City elections to even-numbered years. The first of these elections will be held in 2020, and there is some uncertainty about the ability of City candidates to raise sufficient campaign funds when competing with state and federal candidates.

The Ethics Commission has actively engaged the public in this review and previously submitted a slate of campaign finance reform recommendations in 2014, and, in a more detailed 2015 report, recommended increased matching

funds rates for City elections, due to the surplus in the Matching Funds Trust Fund.

The Matching Funds Trust Fund, as envisioned in the City Charter, is intended to reduce the power of moneyed special interests in elections by ensuring qualified candidates will receive enough funding, through public financing, to allow their voices to be heard.

Six recommendations apply to candidates who participate in the matching funds program, and two apply to all City Candidates. Among those are:

- Qualified contributions must be received from at least **100 residents of the Council district** or, for Citywide candidates, the City.
- The signature requirement is eliminated, and all qualified candidates receive a **match rate of 6:1 in the primary and the general**.
- A candidate must actually participate in a **debate** or a town hall meeting (a public event at which questions may be asked of the candidate) in the primary election.

The maximum public funding a qualified candidate can receive and the proposed increases are shown below:

	CURRENT:		PROPOSED:		INCREASE:		
	Primary	General	Primary	General	Primary	General	
Council	\$100,000	\$125,000	Council	\$151,000	\$189,000	+\$51,000	+\$64,000
Controller	\$267,000	\$300,000	Controller	\$403,000	\$453,000	+\$136,000	+\$153,000
City Atty	\$300,000	\$350,000	City Atty	\$453,000	\$528,000	+\$153,000	+\$178,000
Mayor	\$667,000	\$800,000	Mayor	\$1,007,000	\$1,208,000	+\$340,000	+\$408,000

The regulations are subject to City Council approval. In addition, a public hearing must be held, and action to approve or disapprove must be taken within 60 days of the date the Ethics Commission adopts the recommendations. Charter § 703(b). The Ethics Commission adopted the recommendations on August 21, 2018; and the 60-day deadline is, therefore, October 19, 2018.

What do Studio City stakeholders think?

Motion: _____

7. Comments from members on subject matter within the Committee's Jurisdiction. (5 min).
8. Closing comments by the Committee Chair (3 min).
9. Adjournment (1 min).

LINKS: Transmittal of Recommendations from Ethics to the City Council.

[Ethics Commission Transmittal 08-30-18 - Public Link](#)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/192y9GHoboPJOs_UpPkdhGAXAV1G1QTwI/view?usp=sharing

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-1088-s1_mot_01-10-2017.pdf

CF 15-1088-S1 Ryu's January 2017 http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-1088-s1_mot_01-10-2017.pdf

CF 17-0058 Bonin's January 2017 clean money http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-0058_mot_01-17-2017.pdf

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RECONSIDERATION PROCESS - Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a motion by the Board members that voted on the prevailing side of the decision.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS - A stakeholder or group of stakeholders may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

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