



CAMPAIGN UPDATE:
**Expenditure Ceilings Now Lifted for Candidates Running
for City Council At-Large and
School Board District 1**

This message confirms that independent expenditures totaling more than \$125,000 now have been made by an independent committee in the race for City Council At-Large and more than \$27,000 by an independent committee in the Oakland School Board District 1 race, in addition to the City Council District 3, School Board District 3, School Board District 5, and School Board District 7 races as previously announced.

Per the Oakland Campaign Reform Act, this means that the local **campaign expenditure ceilings no longer apply to any candidate seeking election to the following offices:**

- City Council At-Large
- City Council District 3
- School Board District 1
- School Board District 3
- School Board District 5
- School Board District 7

Candidates for City Council At-Large and City Council District 3 as well as School Board Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 are therefore able to spend money over the expenditure ceiling (see our webpage for a [list of the expenditure ceilings for each City office](#)).

Expenditure ceilings for all other races remain in effect.

Expenditure ceilings are not to be confused with **contribution limits** which continue as follows:

- 1) Candidates who signed OCRA Form 301 accepting the expenditure ceiling for the 2020 election may continue to raise money at \$900 per individual contributor/\$1,700 per qualified broad-based political committee – and the overall campaign expenditure ceiling no longer applies
- 2) Candidates who did not accept expenditure ceilings at the start of the campaign can still only raise \$200 per individual contributor/\$400 per broad-based political committee - and the expenditure ceiling, which never applied to the candidate, still doesn't apply

Again, independent expenditures totaling over \$125,000 have been made in the City Council At-Large race and independent expenditures totaling over \$27,000 have been made in the races for Oakland School Board District 1, School Board District 3, School Board District 5, School Board District 7, and City Council District 3; therefore, the expenditure ceilings for these races no longer apply pursuant to the Oakland Campaign Reform Act.

If you have any questions about these rules or their effect, please do not hesitate to contact us at ethicscommission@oaklandca.gov.