

CITY OF TUCSON 2011 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCE ADMINISTRATION

INFORMATION UPDATE 2011-01

TO:

Candidates, Political Parties, and Political Committees

FROM:

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk/Campaign Finance Administrator

DATE:

February 4, 2011

From time to time, this office distributes information regarding campaign finance and other election related issues that may be of interest to you. We encourage you to contact the City Clerk's Office with any questions you have regarding these issues.

Pay Pal Requirements for Public Funding Candidates

Please be aware that Public Matching Funds Candidates that desire to use Pay Pal must comply with the Campaign Finance Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Mayor and Council on December 7, 2010 and the procedures established by the Campaign Finance Administrator (see attached). These procedures govern how a candidate's website is set up for use with Pay Pal, how contributions and expenditures should be reported and how a campaign's records should be kept.

Potential Effect of Any Appeals Court Decision on Public Funding Candidates

The City Clerk's Office has received several inquiries on the potential ramifications of any ruling by the Appeals Court on SB1123 (non-partisan and ward only elections) to the Public Matching Funds Program and participating candidates. The Court of Appeals has not yet ruled in this case and it is unknown when any decision may be issued. In the interim, we are operating under a stay issued by the trial court, which was granted at our request and under which our long-time rules as set forth in the Tucson Charter and the City Code remain in effect - but only until such time as the Court of Appeals issues its decision.

In the event that the Court of Appeals rules against the City, requiring Ward only elections, the Tucson Charter provisions of Chapter XVI, Subchapter B regarding public matching funding would remain in effect. A candidate who has signed a campaign contract and met the eligibility requirements for public matching funds shall be entitled to receive one dollar (\$1.00) in public matching funds for each dollar received during the campaign period from any individual contribution up to the expenditure limitation prescribed by the Tucson Charter Chapter XVI,

Subchapter B Section 5. The Tucson Charter specifies that the expenditure limitation be determined by the number of City of Tucson registered voters as of June 30 of the election year. Therefore, despite any ruling on the way our elections are conducted, the dollar amount would not be limited by the number of registered voters in a particular Ward.

Updated Campaign Finance Website

The City Clerk's Office has recently updated and improved the Campaign Finance website. It can be viewed at http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/campaign-finance-information. We hope that information is now more readily accessible. Our next step will be to post fillable pdf versions of commonly used campaign finance forms such as the Statement of Organization.

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this update, please contact me or Suzanne Mesich, Assistant City Clerk, at 791-4213 or E-mail cityclerk@cityoftucson.org.

Attachments: Procedures for Campaigns Using Pay Pal (Campaign Finance Rules and Regulations Addendum #1)