

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Article 9.7 of Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to make various revisions to the Campaign Finance Ordinance.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 49.7.2(F) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to replace the term "Web logs" with "weblogs."

Sec. 2. Section 49.7.4(A) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

A. Two persons when one controls the contribution activity of both such persons.

Sec. 3. Section 49.7.6 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to replace "TEXT MESSAGE" with "DIGITAL" in the heading of the section.

Sec. 4. Section 49.7.6(A) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to replace "similar text messaging" with "digital."

Sec. 5. Sections 49.7.6(B) and (C) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to replace "text messaging" with "other digital technology."

Sec. 6. Section 49.7.9(B) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

B. A loan to a candidate or a City controlled committee shall be by written agreement and a copy of the agreement shall be filed with the campaign statement on which the loan is first reported.

Sec. 7. Section 49.7.9(E) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

E. An elected City officer who was a participating candidate and made a personal loan to their own candidate's controlled committee for elected City office shall not repay the loan from their own controlled committee if the candidate exceeded an applicable spending limit before the limit was lifted.

Sec. 8. Section 49.7.9(F) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is repealed.

Sec. 9. Section 49.7.10 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

A. In regular City elections, the following fundraising windows apply:

1. Neither a candidate for City Council nor the City candidate's controlled committee for election to City office may solicit or receive a contribution from another person or cause a contribution from another person to be solicited or received more than 18 months before the date of the primary election at which the candidate seeks office.

2. Neither a candidate for Citywide office nor the candidate's controlled committee for election to City office may solicit or receive a contribution from another person or cause a contribution from another person to be solicited or received more than 24 months before the date of the primary election at which the candidate seeks office.

B. In special City elections, neither a candidate for elected City office nor the candidate's controlled committee for election to City office may solicit or receive a contribution from another person or cause a contribution from another person to be solicited or received before the election has been ordered under Charter Section 409(b).

C. Neither a candidate for elected City office nor the candidate's controlled committee for election to City office may solicit or receive a contribution from another person or cause a contribution from another person to be solicited or received later than 12 months after the date of the election for which the committee was formed. Contributions solicited or received or caused to be solicited or received following an election shall be used only to retire the candidate's or committee's campaign debt for that election, except to the extent prohibited by Section 49.7.9, or to pay the candidate's or committee's compliance, fundraising, or inauguration expenses for that election.

Sec. 10. Section 49.7.11(B)(2)(b) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to replace the term "working days" with "business days."

Sec. 11. Section 49.7.14 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Every candidate for elected City office, each candidate's City controlled committee, and each City recall committee, City ballot measure committee, City general purpose committee, committee primarily formed to support or oppose City candidates or City ballot measures, and every person who makes an independent expenditure communication in a City election and who qualifies as a committee under the Political Reform Act shall file the campaign statements required by the Political Reform Act and shall also file campaign statements by the following dates prior to an election in which the candidate or measure appears on the ballot:

A. For an election cycle in an even-numbered year with a primary election held in March:

1. The Friday before an election, covering activity from the close of the reporting period for the previous campaign statement through the Wednesday before the election.

2. October 10 of the year prior to the primary election, covering activity from July 1 through September 30 in the year prior to the primary election.

3. January 10 of the year of the primary election, covering activity from October 1 through December 31 in the year prior to the primary election.

B. For an election cycle in an even-numbered year with a primary election held in June.

1. The Friday before an election, covering activity from the close of the reporting period for the previous campaign statement through the Wednesday before the election.

2. January 31 of the year of the primary election, covering activity from July 1 through December 31 in the year prior to the primary election.

C. For any election, including a special election, held at any time other than the times specified in Section 49.7.14(A) or (B), on dates specified by Ethics Commission staff to provide transparency to the public similar to regularly scheduled elections.

Sec. 12. Section 49.7.19(B) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

B. An individual may establish an officeholder committee after the City Clerk transmits certified election results to the City Council indicating that the individual has been elected to City office, but not more than two months prior to the date the individual will take office. An individual may establish an officeholder committee at any other time after receiving advice in writing from the Ethics Commission that doing so is permissible.

Sec. 13. Section 49.7.23(C)(7) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

7. The candidate does not exceed the applicable expenditure ceiling.

Sec. 14. Section 49.7.27 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

A. In a primary election, qualified participating candidates will be paid six dollars in matching funds for each dollar of a qualified contribution, up to the following maximum per contributor: one-seventh of the per-person City campaign contribution limit applicable under Section 49.7.3(B)(2)(a) or 49.7.3(B)(2)(b) to the elected City office that the candidate seeks, rounded to the nearest dollar.

B. In a general election, qualified participating candidates will receive a grant of one-fifth of the amount specified in Section 49.7.29(B) within 10 days after being certified to appear on the general election ballot or qualifying to receive matching funds, whichever occurs first. The remaining four-fifths will be paid in the form of matching funds for each qualified contribution, at the rate specified in Section 49.7.27(A).

Sec. 15. Section 49.7.32(B) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

B. The copy shall be filed within the following time frames:

1. From the first date an individual may file a Declaration of Intention to Become a Candidate with the City Clerk through the date of the associated general election, within 24 hours after first distributing the communication.

2. During the 90 days prior to an election if only ballot measures will be on the ballot, within 24 hours after first distributing the communication.

3. At all other times, within five business days after first distributing the communication.

Sec. 16. Section 49.7.33(A)(2) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2 "Funding details at [ethics.lacity.org](https://ethics.lacity.org)." A substantially similar statement that specifies the website may be used as an alternative in audio communications.

Sec. 17. Section 49.7.33(B)(4) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

4. "Funding details at [ethics.lacity.org](https://ethics.lacity.org)." A substantially similar statement that specifies the website may be used as an alternative in audio communications.

Sec. 18. Section 49.7.33(C)(3) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

3. "Funding details at [ethics.lacity.org](http://ethics.lacity.org)." A substantially similar statement that specifies the website may be used as an alternative in audio communications.

Sec. 19. Sections 49.7.33 (E)(2) and 49.7.34(B) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to replace the term "Web Site" with "website."

Sec. 20. Section 49.7.37(A)(5) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

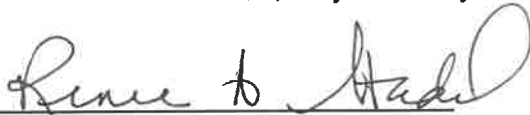
5. "Restricted developer" means any applicant or owner, other than a government agency.

Sec. 21. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_