

Campaign Finance Reform Frequently Asked Questions

Q) If I am running for City Council, how large a donation can I accept from an individual or a PAC?

A) You can accept \$1,000 in the primary and another \$1,000 in the general election from an individual. You can accept \$2,000 in the primary and another \$2,000 in the general election from a PAC.

Q) If I am running for Mayor or Controller, how large a donation can I accept from an individual or a PAC?

A) You can accept \$2,000 in the primary and another \$2,000 in the general election from an individual. You can accept \$4,000 in the primary and another \$4,000 in the general election from a PAC.

Q) Do these limits apply to me if I run for countywide office, statewide office, or a judicial position?

A) No. These limits only apply to people running for City Council, Mayor, or Controller.

Q) What happens if a wealthy individual runs in the campaign against me?

A) If a person declares that they will spend more than \$50,000 of their own money in the race, than your limits are doubled.

Q) What information will the online database contain?

A) The City Controller will maintain an online database that contains all campaign contributions as well as all contracts awarded by the City, all TIF's approved by City Council, and all other applications of public dollars approved by City Council.