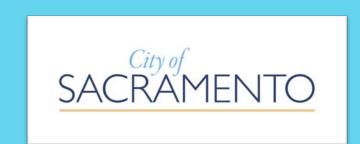
**AND** 

SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2.13 "CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS"

City of Sacramento Ethics Commission Audit Process and Contract Overview August 26, 2019

- Agreement between City of Sacramento and FPPC
- Result of special legislation
- Entered in 2018, current agreement expires December 31, 2019





- Prevent public harm
- Keep voters informed
- Level playing field
- Ensure that campaign contribution limitations are monitored and enforced to compel compliance
- Educate candidates and public officials

- Education and outreach
  - Contact the FPPC with questions about requirements under the Political Reform Act or local ordinance
  - Training
  - Web page with Sacramento-specific information
- Auditing
  - Every City of Sacramento candidate/controlled committee who meets the contract criteria
- Enforcement

- Education and outreach –Training topics
  - Candidate/Treasurer Workshop
  - Getting Started Workshop
  - Campaign Reports, Advertising, and After the Election Workshop
  - Campaign Filing Officer Workshop
  - Form 700 Filer Workshop
  - Form 700 Filing Officer Workshop
  - Gift Reporting Workshop

#### Who will be audited:

- Every candidate and his or her controlled committee for elective Sacramento City office
- Threshold: \$2,000 or more contributions received or \$2,000 or more expenditures made by
  - the candidate,
  - committee(s) controlled by the candidate, or
  - committee(s) primarily supporting his or her candidacy

#### **Audit: Initial steps**

- Contact letter informing candidate of audit
- Audit questionnaire
  - Name of treasurer(s)
  - Campaign bank account info
  - Questions re: contributions & types of expenditures
  - Contact info for persons to request records, and to discuss audit findings

- CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
  - Copies of all contributor checks and deposit slips
  - Records of all contributions received
    - Date received, contributor name, amount, occupation, employer, and for contributions received online include the transaction reports from the online processing service
- NONMONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS
  - Letters from contributors showing the date contributed, the items donated, and the fair market value

- LOANS RECEIVED
  - Loan agreements, promissory notes
  - Copies of loan checks received
  - Records of bank transfers
  - Records for payments made, such as copies of payment checks or bank transfers
  - Records maintained of outstanding balances

- EXPENDITURES
- Canceled checks or image of cancelled checks received from banks
- Invoices and receipts, including records to support subvendors
- Credit card statements and charge slips
- Contracts and agreements
- Original samples of each mass mailing sent
- Disbursement journal
- Canceled checks written on personal, business or other bank accounts to pay for campaign expenditures
- Journal or other record of personal funds used to pay campaign expenditures
- Correspondence sent, including invitations and solicitations
- Any other records to support the expenditures made

- CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT AND FILINGS
  - Copies of bank statements for each account
  - Copy of check register

### Audit periods will be determined by the FPPC

- Ensure comprehensive audit findings
- May include beginning audit periods beyond the date of the contract

FPPC required to provide quarterly billing statements for work performed under the contract

#### **Enforcement**

- Attorney review of all audit findings
- Consistency in case resolutions and penalties
- Closure letter: No Action, Advisory, or Warning
- Stipulation: Streamline or Mainline
- Approved by the Commission and public documents

#### THE CONTRACT

- Terms of agreement: March 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019
- The Commission has approved a new template contract (August 15, 2019) for all future contracts with outside agencies
- Template includes various options
- Streamline approval process

# THANK YOU