
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS

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Improve methods of financing campaigns

Prevent architects, construction managers and engineers undue influence

Allow candidates to spend less time fund raising

The Way it is Now...

- Presidential candidates \$2,400
- California Legislature \$3,000
- City of Richmond \$2,500
- City of Pinole \$500
- BART \$1,000
- **WCCUSD – NO limit**

WCCUSD • Campaign Contributions & the Construction Bond Program

- Largest single contribution to date was: \$30,000
- Largest single contribution January to June 2010 was: \$15,000
- Contributions are from architects, engineers, and construction management firms. These firms do not have to follow the bidding guidelines process and receive “no bid contracts” from the District
- Labor unions also make contributions to support project labor agreements which increase the cost of construction
- Almost all of the contributions from firms and unions are from outside the District
- WCCUSD has a bond construction program of **\$1,389,579,060**
- Third largest program in California (after Los Angeles and San Diego) and in the top ten in the nation
- Architects, construction managers, and engineers have undue influence
- Campaign reform will allow candidates to spend less time fund raising

San Francisco Unified School District

- Illegal for an elected official or candidate to accept funds from anyone who does business with the District
- Illegal for an elected official or candidate to request funds from anyone who does business with the District

- Illegal for an elected official or candidate to accept funds from anyone who is negotiating a contract with the District
- Illegal for an elected official or candidate to request funds from anyone who is negotiating a contract with the District

A PROPOSAL for Election Reform

- Contribution limit \$2,500 from one individual or firm
- Illegal for elected official or candidate to accept or request contributions from anyone who does business with or is negotiating a contract with the District
- Limitations applies to School Board member elections, bond and parcel tax ballot measures

NEXT STEPS...

- Board of Education Workshop to discuss campaign contribution limits
- Twenty-year study of campaign contributions
 - 1990 to 2000 prior to large bond issues
 - 2000 to 2010 during period of four bond issues
 - Amount contributed by firms and individuals
 - Amount no bid contracts awarded to firms/ individuals making contributions
- Ask School Board candidates to pledge to adopt contributions limits

IN CLOSING

- Adopt campaign contributions limits to prevent even the appearance of undue influence from campaign donors.
- Do not have fund raising mar the functioning of this Board.
- Help build confidence in WCCUSD

Thank you, Anton Jungherr