

Local Campaign Finance Reform in the Works Needs Your Input

Clean Money San Antonio

PGA type agreements, which are degrading our lives, are largely the result of moneyed-interest financing and control of our government.

Clean Money San Antonio has one goal – to obtain a comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform Charter Amendment in the City of San Antonio for elected City Officials that includes publicly-financed local campaigns, contribution limits and soft money controls - one that goes beyond the provisions enacted by McCain-Feingold/Shays-Mehan at the federal level.

We realize that all campaigns need to be reformed. We are beginning at home with our local politicians because too many of the decisions made in San Antonio are connected to *Developer Interests* and *Money*. Systems similar to the one we are proposing are necessary to maintain a healthy democracy. Citizens must be able to make their voices heard regardless of how much cash they bring to the table.

We need your input on the finer details of the legislation we are writing in order to fundamentally reform our system so that wealth no longer yields disproportionate influence over the citizens.

Current Proposals that need to be finalized – your input requested:

Qualifications

- Mayor: 1000 signatures, \$5 from each signor
- City Council: 100 signatures, \$5 from each signor
- Must participate in at least two debates or candidate forums
- Must not spend any of her/his personal money

Financing

Applies to Opt-In candidates only:

- Ratio of Public to Private Funding – 4:1 or 80% public:20% private
(Candidate will have to raise the 20%)
- Amount: based on population and percentage of past average spent
- Unopposed candidates receive 1/3 amount given to contested candidates
- Exploratory period allowed with monetary limits
- Supplemental Funds may be made available

Applies to all candidates opt-in or out

- Individual Contribution Limits: \$100 per individual
- Limit amounts raised in off-election years
- Limits on City Contract holders to a dollar amount per candidate/election year

Revenue Sources for the Public Funding:

- Main Source: City General Fund – specifically 0.25% of CPS Revenues, which amounts to about **1¢ per day** for residential customers, would provide about \$3 million/yr.

Oversight

Administrator with Paid Staff, which has legal authority to issue subpoenas and file lawsuits to enforce regulations, reports to an oversight board that is INDEPENDENT

We hope that many individuals and organizations will join us in this creation of a substantial and comprehensive charter amendment that will pass a vote here in San Antonio! If this does not happen, we will continue to spend all our time applying band-aid solutions to symptoms instead of addressing this root cause.

To find out more, volunteer, or have us arrange to give a presentation, contact us:

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