

PRESS ADVISORY



Oakland Public Ethics Commission to Consider Limited Public Financing Program for the 2024 Election Cycle

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August 3, 2023 – On August 9 at 6:30 pm, the Public Ethics Commission (PEC) will consider recommending to the City Council that it establish a limited campaign public financing program for the 2024 election cycle only, similar to the Limited Public Financing Act (LPF) Program used in 2022.

Due to a lack of sufficient funding and staff in the City of Oakland’s Fiscal Years 2023-2025 Adopted Budget, the PEC voted at its July meeting to postpone the distribution and use of [Democracy Dollars](#) vouchers for the 2024 election cycle. Because the Democracy Dollars Program replaced the prior Limited Public Financing program, the upcoming November 2024 election will be the first election without public financing available for Oakland City Council District candidates in over 20 years. To avoid a break in the availability of public financing, the PEC is considering a proposal to recommend that the City Council re-establish a limited campaign public financing program for 2024 utilizing \$155,000 in discretionary funding from the PEC’s budget.

Please see the full meeting [agenda](#) for more information on the proposal the PEC will be considering, as well as information on how to attend or observe the meeting.

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About the Public Ethics Commission

The Public Ethics Commission ensures compliance with the City of Oakland’s government ethics, campaign finance, transparency, and lobbyist registration laws that aim to promote fairness, openness, honesty, and integrity in city government.