



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

### Election Code Committee

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#### SUBJECT

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**Potential Code Changes Regarding Campaign Finance.**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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In February 2024, Council appointed Mayor Jeni Arndt and Councilmembers Tricia Canonico and Julie Pignataro to serve as members of the ECC and Councilmember Melanie Potyondy to serve as an alternate. At its first meeting on March 27, 2024, the Committee heard and discussed potential topics. It was decided to focus first on Charter amendments given the ballot timeline, and then after the Committee discussed examining Code revisions related to campaign finance and associated complains.

#### GENERAL DIRECTION SOUGHT AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

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1. What Code changes related to campaign finance and associated complaints would the Committee like to consider for discussion in 2024-2025 and in what priority order?

#### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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As previously discussed at the first session for this ECC, the Committee could propose code changes to streamline the campaign finance complaint process. Staff has identified several areas that cause the process to be lengthier and suggested potential changes to address these concerns. The Committee could consider providing the option for a respondent to a complaint to pay the fine and resolve the complaint earlier in the process. Additionally, recent state law would allow the City to refer complaints that pose an actual or potential conflict to the Secretary of State.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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1. Presentation
2. City Code Campaign Finance Provisions
3. City Code Campaign Violations