



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Title:

Council Member Robinson recommending the Council adopt amendments to the Sandy Election Code.

Presenter: Council Member Robinson

Description/Background:

On January 16 Council Member Robinson introduced amendments to the City's Election Code. The City Council directed that Council Member Robinson continue to work with staff to refine his proposal. A final set of amendments is now proposed. The draft ordinance is attached to this item with a redline version of the proposed changes as well as a "clean" version with the amendments included.

Original (1/6/18) staff report:

I believe that we, as elected officials, can improve upon the process that we follow in reporting the contributions and expenditures to and from our individual campaigns for elected office. Many of our peer cities have taken extra steps in requiring more comprehensive campaign financial disclosures and I feel that we should consider doing the same.

The Cities of Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo, and Orem all require continued campaign financial reporting from all candidates who receive campaign contributions and/or make campaign expenditures following the end of the general election. Salt Lake City goes so far as to require an annual campaign financial disclosure from any candidate who has not expressly terminated their campaign committee (the committee that receives contributions and makes expenditures on behalf of a candidate's campaign).

I propose that as a Council we impose similar and in some cases more stringent requirements on all future campaigns for public office in Sandy City. I request that the Council consider adding the highlighted language found in attachment A to Title 2 of the Revised Ordinances of Sandy City. Adding this language will serve the following purposes:

- Require that all candidates for elected office in Sandy City report financial information from any and all campaigns for elected office within or outside of Sandy City.
- Require that all incumbent elected officials in Sandy City report annually on all campaign funds.
- Improve upon the transparency of our election process.
- Help to protect all candidates for elected office in Sandy City

Recommended Action and/or Suggested Motion:

Motion to adopt ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 1, "Election Rules and Regulations;" also providing a saving clause for the ordinance and an effective date.