



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Chief Election Officer
SUBJECT: Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements for 2014 General Local Election
- Failure to File

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following report be received for information.

REPORT SUMMARY

For the 2014 general local election Local Elections Campaign Financing Act (LECFA) came into effect on May 29, 2014 giving Elections BC the authority to administer campaign financing and advertising rules. This Act requires that each individual declared as a candidate must file a disclosure statement after the general local election with the BC chief electoral officer.

Under Section 61 of LECFA, the City Clerk is responsible for presenting the name of any candidate or elector organization that did not file a disclosure statement within 120 days after the general local election to an open meeting of Council as soon as practicable.

This report is to comply with the local authority requirements under LECFA.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

There is no applicable Council Authority or previous decisions relevant to this report.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits this report for information.

REPORT

Background/Context

Section 47 of LECFA requires that candidates and elector organizations file a campaign financing disclosure statement within 90 days after general voting day of the election. Disclosure statements may be filed for another 30 days but is subject to a \$500 late filing fee. The last day to meet this legislative requirement was March 16, 2015.

Strategic Analysis

The following candidate did not file campaign financing disclosure statements by March 16, 2015 which is last day of the 120-day filing period:

- Anthony Guitar (candidate for Councillor)

The candidate was notified by Elections BC.

Section 48 of LECFA permits the candidates to file their disclosure statements up to 30 days after the deadline, March 16, 2015, subject to a late penalty of \$500 payable to Elections BC. Alternatively, they may apply to the Supreme Court, requesting relief from the responsibility to file.

Those candidates who fail to file by the end of the late filing period and pay the penalty, will be disqualified from being nominated or elected to the Vancouver City Council, the council of another municipality, regional district board, board of school trustees, or the Islands Trust, until after the next general local election in 2018. The list of disqualified candidates will be maintained by Elections BC.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Local Elections Campaign Financing Act requires that the City Clerk present the name of any candidate or elector organization that did not file a campaign financing disclosure statement within the 90-day filing period to an open meeting of Council as soon as practicable. This report is to comply with the Act.

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