



COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Chief Election Officer
SUBJECT: Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements for 2022 General Local Election - Failure to File

Recommendations

THAT the following report be received for information.

Purpose and Executive Summary

The 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. LECFA 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(2) of LECFA, the Chief Election Officer is responsible for presenting the name of any candidate 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 that requirement.

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

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

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

Section 47(1) of LECFA requires that candidates and elector organizations file a campaign financing disclosure statement within 90 days after general voting day of the election. Section 47(2) allows for disclosure statements to be filed for a further 30 days, subject to a \$500 late filing fee. The last day to meet this legislative requirement was February 13, 2023.

Discussion

The following candidates did not file campaign financing disclosure statements by February 13, 2023, which is last day of the 120-day filing period:

- Mike Hansen (Mayoral candidate)
- Heming Hopkins (School Trustee candidate)

The candidates were notified by Elections BC.

Candidates who fail to file by the end of the late filing period, are 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 2026. The list of disqualified candidates will be maintained by Elections BC.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

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