



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

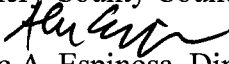
Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Alexandre A. Espinosa
Director

MEMORANDUM

July 1, 2017

TO: Roger Berliner, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: 
Alexandre A. Espinosa, Director
Department of Finance

SUBJECT: Public Election Fund Sufficiency Determination

I hereby submit to the Montgomery County Council the determination as to whether the total amount available for distribution in the Public Election Fund is sufficient to meet the maximum public contributions reasonably expected to be required during the 2018 election cycle. This requirement is described in the Montgomery County Code Chapter 16, Article 4, Section 16-23, § (d) which stipulates that:

“On or before July 1 of the year preceding the primary election, the Director must determine if the amount in the Fund is sufficient to meet the maximum public contributions reasonably expected to be required during the next election cycle. If the Director determines that the total amount available for distribution in the Fund is insufficient to meet the allocations required by this Section, the Director must reduce each public contribution to a certified candidate by the same percentage of the total public contribution.”

As of July 1, 2017, it is my determination that the amount of approximately \$11 million in the Public Election Fund is sufficient to meet the maximum public contributions reasonably expected to be required during the 2018 election cycle. The amount of \$11 million was the recommended funding level by the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund in their 2017 report to the County Council.

If you have any questions on the Public Election Fund program or information provided in this memorandum, please contact David Crow, Fiscal Projects Manager, Division of

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Fiscal Management at extension 7-8859 or Robert Hagedoorn, Chief, Division of Fiscal Management at extension 7-8887.

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