

**COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND FUNDING
FOR THE PUBLIC ELECTION FUND
Thursday, September 27, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.
Potomac River Conference Room
Council Office Building**

Committee Members Present:

David Scull, Chair
Sharon Cohen, Vice Chair
Lee Annis, Jr.
Margaret Greene
Paul Schwartz

Staff:

Amanda Mihill, County Council

Committee Chair Scull called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Committee members discussed the primary election which occurred on June 26, 2018 and the use of the Public Election Fund by some candidates. Committee members made the following observations/comments:

- On average, candidates using the Fund raised approximately 75% of the maximum potential.
- Candidates in the general election are unlikely to max out.
- New York City has a public website that allowed residents to contribute to any campaign.
- This year's large number of candidates running for Council at large positions is probably an anomaly. It is unlikely to happen again since the approval of term limits is likely what lead to the large number of candidates this year.
- Future election cycles might not need as much funding.
- The state website for reporting could have been easier to use.

Committee members discussed that they have 1 more reporting requirement before their term concludes. To inform this report, Committee members agreed to circulate a list of questions to candidates regarding their use or non-use of the Public Election Fund. Committee members agreed to provide a draft list of questions to Ms. Mihill by November 16. Ms. Mihill will then circulate the compiled list to Committee members.

Committee members unanimously approved the minutes from the January 29 meeting; motion made by Mr. Annis and seconded by Mr. Scull.

Committee members decided that their next meeting will be on January 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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