

**COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND FUNDING  
FOR THE PUBLIC ELECTION FUND  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.  
5th Floor 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

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Committee Chair Scull welcomed everyone and all Committee members introduced themselves by explaining relevant background information about themselves and their interest in the Committee. Amanda Mihill discussed housekeeping issues and the role of staff.

Committee members discussed the Committee's approach to the main task, which is to recommend an amount that the County should fund for the Public Election Fund. Committee members generally agreed to look at other jurisdictions that have some level of public financing systems to determine what the cost and impact of those systems are and whether it has influenced the number of candidates that have emerged. Chair Scull noted his view that the amount of funding that the Committee should recommend should be based on the number of candidates that are likely to want to use the Public Election Fund. Committee members agreed to each research 2 jurisdictions. Ms. Green agreed to research the systems in Connecticut and Minneapolis; Mr. Annis agreed to research the systems in North Carolina and Florida; Ms. Cohen agreed to research the systems in Arizona and South Carolina; and Mr. Schwartz agreed to research the systems in New York and New Jersey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Editor's note: After the meeting, Mr. Scull indicated his intent to research the systems in Vermont and Maine. Mr. Scull asked Ms. Mihill to research the systems in Hawaii and Rhode Island. Mr. Scull also asked Ms. Cohen to research Albuquerque, Arizona instead of South Carolina, which Ms. Cohen agreed to do.