

**COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND FUNDING  
FOR THE PUBLIC ELECTION FUND  
Tuesday, December 1, 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.  
Paul Schwartz

**Committee Members Absent:**

Margaret Greene

**Staff:**

Amanda Mihill, County Council

Committee Chair Scull called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Committee members discussed the projection of the number of potential candidates that may run for County elected office and how this number would effect the amount of funding that would be required for the Public Election Fund. After discussion, the Committee assumed that the number of candidates that may run for elected office (and the maximum public contribution that would be required) was the following:

	PRIMARY		GENERAL	
	<i>DEM</i>	<i>REPUB</i>	<i>DEM</i>	<i>REPUB</i>
EXEC	3 x \$750 = \$2.25	1 x \$750 = \$750	1 x \$750 = \$750	1 x \$750 = \$750
COUNCIL AT-LARGE 4 SEATS	6 x \$250 = \$1.50	1 x \$250 = \$250	4 x \$250 = \$1.00	1 x \$250 = \$250
COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 SEATS	8 x \$125 = \$1.0	3 x \$125 = \$375	5 x \$125 = \$625	3 x \$125 = \$375
Total	\$4.75	\$1.375	\$2.375	\$1.375
Grand Total		<b>\$9,875,000</b>		

Committee members did not indicate that this funding was the amount that the Committee is recommending. Instead, this number reflects the number of potential candidates that the Committee assumes could run and the maximum amount of funding that could be required if all the candidates received the full amount of public funding for which they are eligible. Committee members agreed to send these number to Brendan Glavin from the Campaign Finance Institute who previously agreed to run an analysis of different cost scenarios.

Committee members approved the minutes from the November 2 minutes; motion made by Sharon Cohen and seconded by Lee Annis. Committee members agreed to meet next on January 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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