

## **IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** \*Appoint members to the Open and Accountable Elections Commission for terms to expire April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 (Report)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

This Council action will appoint the first members of the Open and Accountable Elections Commission. This public body will provide oversight to City's small donor matching program in order to ensure that members of the public are able to engage in the operations of the program and policy creation and/or modification. City Code 2.16.130 outlines the Commission's specific duties:

#### **2.16.130**

A. Duties. The Public Campaign Finance Commission is hereby created. The Commission shall:

1. Provide assistance to the Director and Council in the development and implementation of the Public Election Fund. The Commission may make recommendations to the Director regarding administrative rules necessary to the effective administration of the code.
2. Make recommendations on adjustments to matching ratios, adjustments to contribution limits and other regulations to improve operation of public campaign finance.
3. At the request of the Director, advise the Director on administrative judgments, recommended policy changes, administrative rule development, and operation of the Public Election Fund.
4. Recommend to the Director for appointment hearings officers to review cases and make determinations under Section 2.16.160.
5. Adopt such operating policies and procedures as necessary to carry out its duties.
6. Prepare and submit to the Council a biennial report which shall contain an overview and evaluation of the Campaign Finance Fund during the previous election period.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

This council action does not have any direct impact of City funds. Staff from the Open and Accountable will provide support to the Commission. Funding for these positions is ongoing and budgeted.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Members of the Commission went through the City's Boards and Commissions application process. The applications were reviewed by representatives from A Voice for All Portland Coalition, which is a group of community-based organizations.

Organizations in this coalition include: Alliance for Democracy, APANO, Basic Rights Oregon, Bernie PDX, Bus Project, Coalition of Communities of Color, Color PAC, Common Cause, CWA Local 790, ENLACE , Every Voice, Latino Network, League of Women Voters, Main Street Alliance, Move to Amend Portland, NAACP Portland Branch, OPAL Environmental Justice, Oregon Education Association, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Oregon Student Association, Oregon Walks, OSPIRG, PCUN, Portland Forward, Represent.Us Portland, Saint Michaels Church Social Justice Group, Sierra Club, SEIU State Council, UFCW Local 555, Unite Oregon, Working Families Party.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

N/A

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?**

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.  
☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount