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Eleven of the Twelve Democracy Voucher Candidates Have Reached Democracy Voucher Limits

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Eleven of the twelve candidates participating in the Democracy Voucher program have reached or surpassed \$150,000 in funding and cannot redeem additional Democracy Vouchers. Please visit the website for more information about which campaigns can still fundraise.

So far in 2019, the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC) distributed \$2,413,050 to 35 campaigns for the primary and general election. The SEEC received more than 137,000 vouchers from roughly 36,000 Seattle residents.

“We are excited to report another record year for the sheer number of contributors to City campaigns,” said Wayne Barnett, the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission’s Executive Director. “The voucher program is fulfilling its purpose of increasing the number of candidates and contributors.”

The SEEC will continue to track all vouchers that are returned. Residents may choose to assign their vouchers to a participating candidate as show of support. If residents do not choose to use their vouchers, they should recycle them.

Unused funds from the 2019 election year will fund the 2021 elections. In 2021, the program will again be available to fund participating candidates in the city council at-large races and the city attorney’s race. For the first time, mayoral candidates will also be eligible to participate in the program.

Questions about the program?

Contact us by phone at (206) 727-8855 or by e-mail at democracyvoucher@seattle.gov.

For more information about the status of each campaign, please visit seattle.gov/democracyvoucher.

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