



To Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission:

The campaign for Jon Grant for Seattle City Council, Position 8, is formally petitioning you to request that our spending cap of \$300,000, imposed by our participation in the Democracy Voucher program, be lifted.

SMC 2.04.630(f) says that the Commission shall release a candidate from the Spending Limit when (i) the candidate has demonstrated to the SEEC that an opponent has exceeded the limit, and (ii) that the excess is “material.”

Campaign expenditures and related independent expenditures for our opponent Teresa Mosqueda have significantly exceeded the \$300,000 spending cap imposed by the Democracy Voucher Program. Although Mosqueda is a Democracy Voucher participant, independent expenditures on her behalf totalling greater than \$100,000, combined with Mosqueda campaign spending, exceed the cap. Please see the below breakdown (exact numbers provided by the Seattle Office of Ethics and Elections):

\$139,527 – calculation of the spending limit on the day before the Commission suspended it (7/13)

\$118,952 – Independent Expenditures to date on the candidate’s behalf

\$62,780 – Deposits since 8/4

\$3,561 – post 8/4 debts and obligations incurred

\$93,125 – redeemable vouchers awaiting redemption

Total: \$418,945

Our campaign believes that this \$118,945 represents a material excess of the \$300,000 spending limit. In digital advertising alone, \$118,000 could reach hundreds of thousands of voters. Under the current spending cap, our campaign is constrained by our budget to respond to such expenditures.

For this reason, our campaign petitions the SEEC to release Jon Grant from the \$300,000 spending limit so that we may redeem our full \$300,000 in vouchers and re-open our real dollar fundraising efforts.

Sincerely,  
Jon Grant  
Candidate for Seattle City Council Position 8

