

2019 Election Report

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About the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

The Commission is a seven-member, citizen body that interprets, administers and enforces the Seattle Elections Code, Ethics Code, Election Pamphlet Code, Lobbying Code, and Whistleblower Protection Code. Three members are appointed by the Mayor; three are appointed by the City Council and the seventh is appointed by the other six. All seven are confirmed by the City Council. The term of office for a commissioner is three years.

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Biennial Report on Election Financing

The SEEC publishes a report after each municipal election cycle showing the money raised to promote or oppose candidates and ballot issues.

Information on the contributions to, and expenditures by, candidates and ballot issue committees is available on the Commission's web site at seattle.gov/elections.

Further information about candidates in the Democracy Voucher Program can be found at seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/program-data.

City Council Contribution Summary

Bolded names appeared on the Primary and General Election ballots.

Shaded names registered as candidates but did not ultimately file for office.

Candidates	Total Contributions	Candidate	Misc	Individuals & Groups			
				Voucher Proceeds	Monetary	No.	Average
Council District 1							
Lisa Herbold	\$199,274	\$135	\$35	\$136,550	\$62,590	2,440	\$81.61
Brendan Kolding	\$74,999	\$110	\$ -	\$61,100	\$13,789	973	\$76.97
Philip Tavel	\$192,657	\$8,221	\$ 348	\$108,900	\$75,188	1,750	\$105.19
Jesse Greene	\$8,630	\$800	\$ -	\$ -	\$7,830	83	\$94.34
Isaiah Willoughby	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
All Dist. 1	\$475,560	\$9,266	\$383	\$306,550	\$159,397	5,246	\$88.82

Council District 2							
Henry Dennison	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Ari Hoffman	\$93,357	\$499	\$ -	\$ -	\$92,858	586	\$158.46
Tammy Morales	\$192,254	\$2,127	\$ -	\$126,125	\$64,002	2,431	\$78.21
Christopher Peguero	\$60,682	\$3,644	\$926	\$46,000	\$10,112	980	\$57.26
Phyllis Porter	\$52,637	\$100	\$55	\$41,325	\$11,157	954	\$55.01
Mark Solomon	\$190,053	\$2,127	\$ -	\$137,350	\$50,576	2,100	\$89.49
Omari Tahir-Garrett	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Ian Irving Bradshaw	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Matthew Perkins	\$1,575	\$500	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,075	9	\$119.44
All Dist. 2	\$590,558	\$8,997	\$981	\$350,800	\$229,780	7,060	\$82.24

Council District 3							
Logan Bowers	\$93,668	\$856	\$ -	\$45,750	\$47,062	953	\$97.39
Zachary DeWolf	\$85,487	\$515	\$ -	\$54,825	\$30,147	947	\$89.73
Pat Murakami	\$86,691	\$145	\$330	\$54,625	\$31,591	1,051	\$82.03
Ami Nguyen	\$93,659	\$1,004	\$5	\$57,100	\$35,550	1,118	\$82.87
Egan Orion	\$403,882	\$325	\$223	\$128,950	\$274,384	2,688	\$150.05
Kshama Sawant	\$586,814	\$227	\$22,440	\$ -	\$564,147	7,962	\$70.85
Sara Brereton	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Asukaa Jaxx	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Beto Yarce	\$17,468	\$5,008	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,460	216	\$57.69
All Dist. 3	\$1,367,669	\$8,080	\$22,998	\$341,250	\$995,341	14,935	\$89.49

Candidates	Total Contributions	Candidate	Misc	Individuals & Groups			
				Voucher Proceeds	Monetary	No.	Average
Council District 4							
Sasha Anderson	\$49,047	\$414	\$3	\$37,200	\$11,430	728	\$66.80
Ethan Hunter	\$7,921	\$4,257	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,664	30	\$122.13
Frank Krueger	\$3,056	\$1,263	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,793	29	\$61.83
Beth Mountsier	\$5,238	\$1,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$4,155	51	\$81.47
Emily Myers	\$90,094	\$63	\$14	\$61,525	\$28,492	1,204	\$74.76
Joshua Newman	\$25,388	\$263	\$ -	\$16,950	\$8,175	428	\$58.70
Alex Pedersen	\$197,008	\$19,319	\$152	\$104,100	\$73,301	1,639	\$108.24
Shaun Scott	\$217,906	\$100	\$201	\$119,875	\$97,730	2,474	\$87.96
Heidi Stuber	\$47,867	\$200	\$2	\$29,575	\$18,090	538	\$88.60
Cathy Tuttle	\$87,917	\$12,335	\$4	\$60,600	\$14,978	905	\$83.51
Abel Pacheco	\$9,686	\$260	\$ -	\$ -	\$9,426	176	\$53.56
Zoe True	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
All Dist. 4	\$741,128	\$39,557	\$376	\$429,825	\$271,234	8,202	\$85.47

Council District 5							
Ann Davison Sattler	\$73,555	\$14,449	\$ -	\$0	\$59,105	407	\$145.22
Debora Juarez	\$150,000	\$350	\$ -	\$79,375	\$70,275	1,651	\$90.64
John Lombard	\$59,331	\$110	\$ -	\$49,450	\$9,771	762	\$77.72
Tayla Mahoney	\$4,600	\$2,625	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,975	11	\$179.55
Mark Mendez	\$5,914	\$2,763	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,151	102	\$30.89
Alex Tsimerman	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
David Ishii	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
George Liu	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
All Dist. 5	\$293,400	\$20,297	\$0	\$128,825	\$144,277	2,933	\$93.11

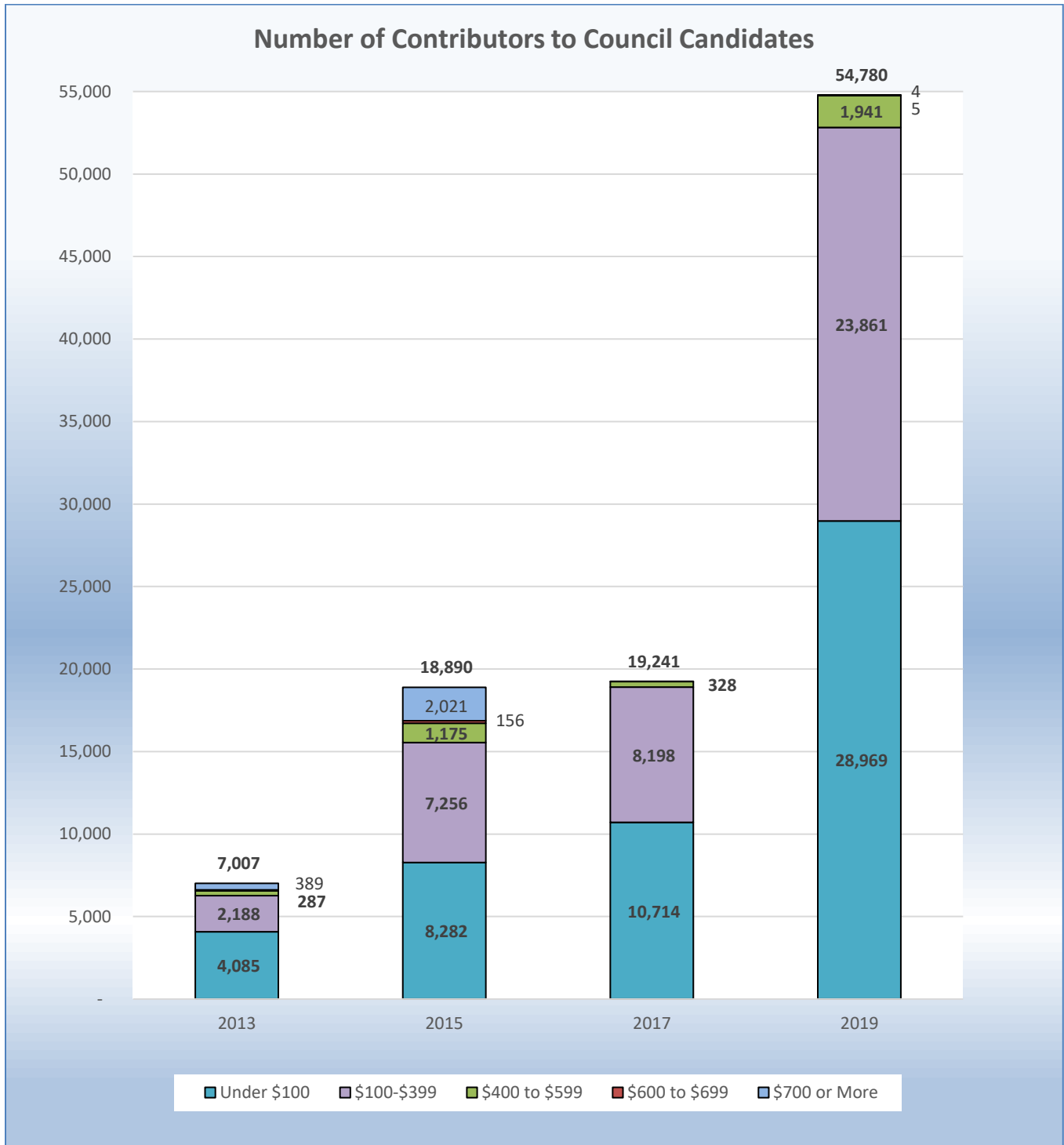
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				Voucher Proceeds	Monetary	No.	Average
Council District 6							
Kara Ceriello	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$0	0	n/a
Jeremy Cook	\$1,924	\$1,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$539	19	\$28.37
Jay Fathi	\$103,648	\$5,020	\$2,452	\$45,250	\$52,310	785	\$124.28
Sergio Garcia	\$74,981	\$1,003	\$ -	\$65,050	\$8,928	989	\$74.80
Melissa Hall	\$59,620	\$7,577	\$ -	\$46,950	\$5,093	762	\$68.30
Jon Lisbin	\$69,391	\$10,110	\$ -	\$48,950	\$10,331	891	\$66.53
Kate Martin	\$59,780	\$3,150	\$4	\$45,800	\$10,826	848	\$66.78
Joey Massa	\$2,700		\$ -	\$ -	\$2,700	38	\$71.05
John Peeples	\$3,307	\$2,307	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,000	5	\$200.00
Ed Pottharst	\$40,955	\$7,493	\$3	\$21,350	\$12,109	446	\$75.02
Terry Rice	\$34,528	\$1,100	\$ -	\$27,100	\$6,328	534	\$62.60
Dan Strauss	\$202,744	\$110	\$11	\$125,550	\$77,073	2,295	\$88.29
Heidi Wills	\$267,005	\$450	\$ -	\$106,200	\$160,355	2,022	\$131.83
Kelle Grace Gaddis	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
Robert Miller	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
Mike O'Brien	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
Christopher Rufo	\$19,045	\$10,355	\$1,040	\$ -	\$7,650	80	\$95.63
All Dist. 6	\$944,628	\$55,060	\$3,510	\$532,200	\$355,242	9,714	\$91.36

Council District 7							
Gene Burrus	\$7,074	\$1,429	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,645	34	\$166.03
James Donaldson	\$15,231	\$1,400	\$1	\$ -	\$13,830	77	\$179.61
Michael George	\$78,858	\$4,084	\$ -	\$46,175	\$28,599	901	\$82.99
Don Harper	\$21,445	\$9,005	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,440	102	\$121.96
Naveed Jamali	\$6,977	\$500	\$1	\$ -	\$6,476	31	\$208.90
Isabelle Kerner	\$5,148	\$1,663	\$ 687	\$ -	\$2,731	73	\$37.41
Andrew Lewis	\$204,758	\$840	\$ 160	\$119,125	\$84,633	2,132	\$95.57
Daniela Lipscomb-Eng	\$61,615	\$6,145	\$ -	\$44,150	\$11,320	770	\$72.04
Jim Pugel	\$235,306	\$445	\$ -	\$89,550	\$145,311	1,736	\$135.29
Jason Williams	\$77,843	\$520	\$25	\$52,275	\$25,023	802	\$96.38
Elizabeth Campbell	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
Aaron Harris	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
All Dist. 7	\$714,255	\$26,031	\$874	\$351,275	\$336,008	6,658	\$103.23

All Council Candidates	\$5,127,198	\$167,288	\$29,122	\$2,440,725	\$2,491,279	54,748	\$90.09
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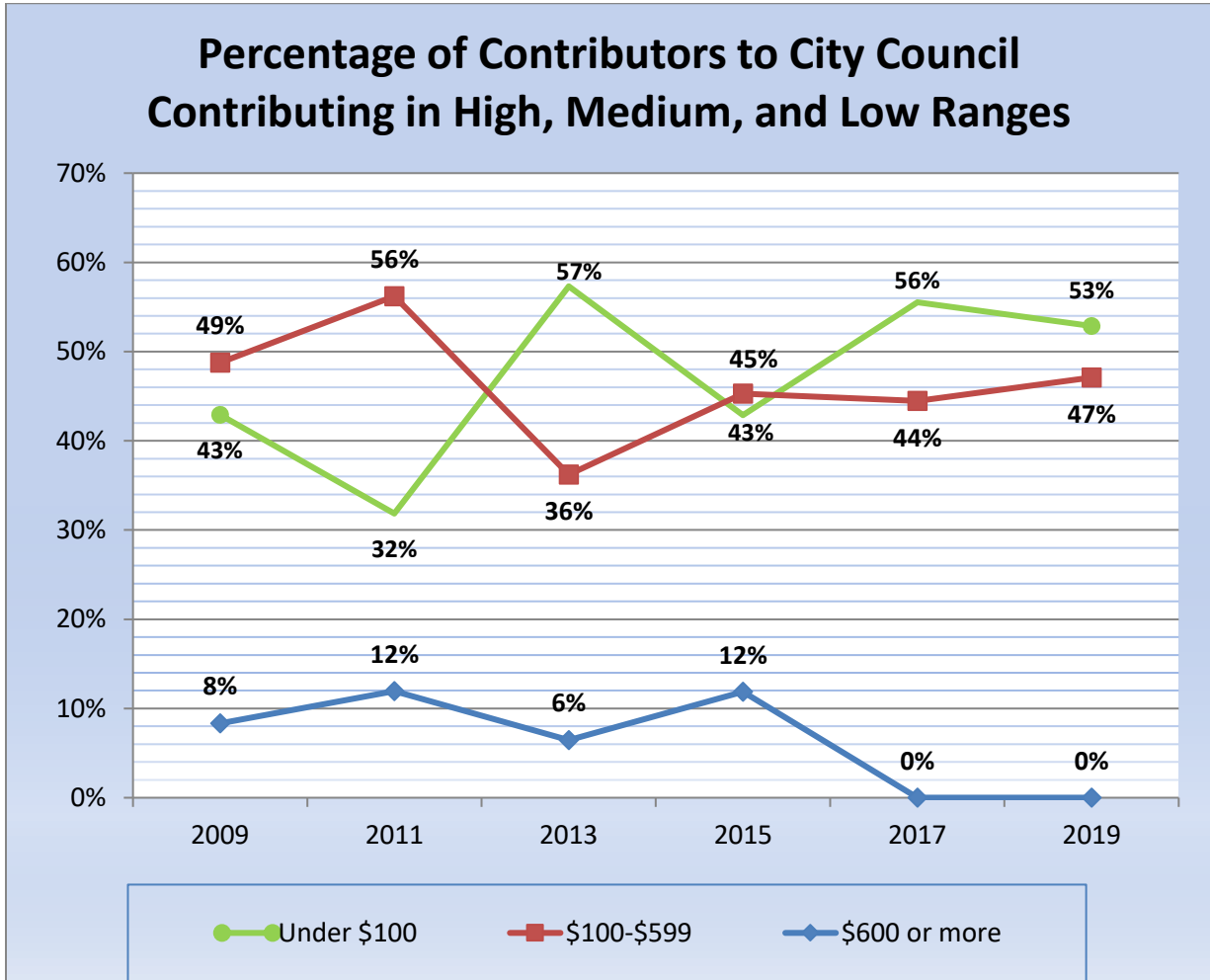
Number of Contributors by Contribution Range

It was another record-breaking year for the number of contributors to Council campaigns, with almost 55,000 persons making contributions. Note that a person who contributed \$75 each to two candidates is counted as two contributors in the “Under \$100” range, not one contributor in the “\$100 to 399” range.



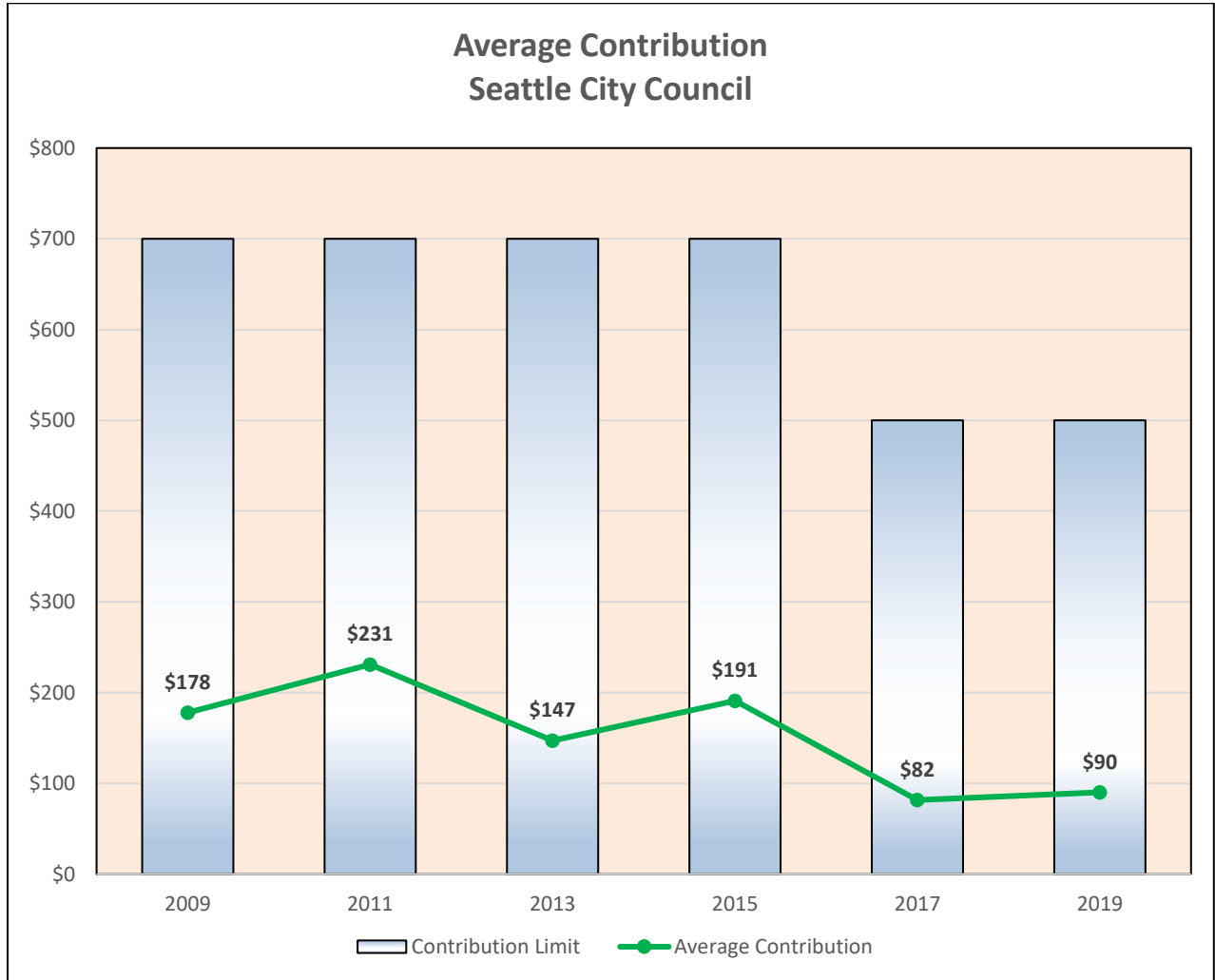
Percentage of Contributors Contributing Amounts in High, Medium, Low Ranges

For the third time in four election cycles, more than half the contributors gave less than \$100 to a particular candidate.



Average Contribution Amount

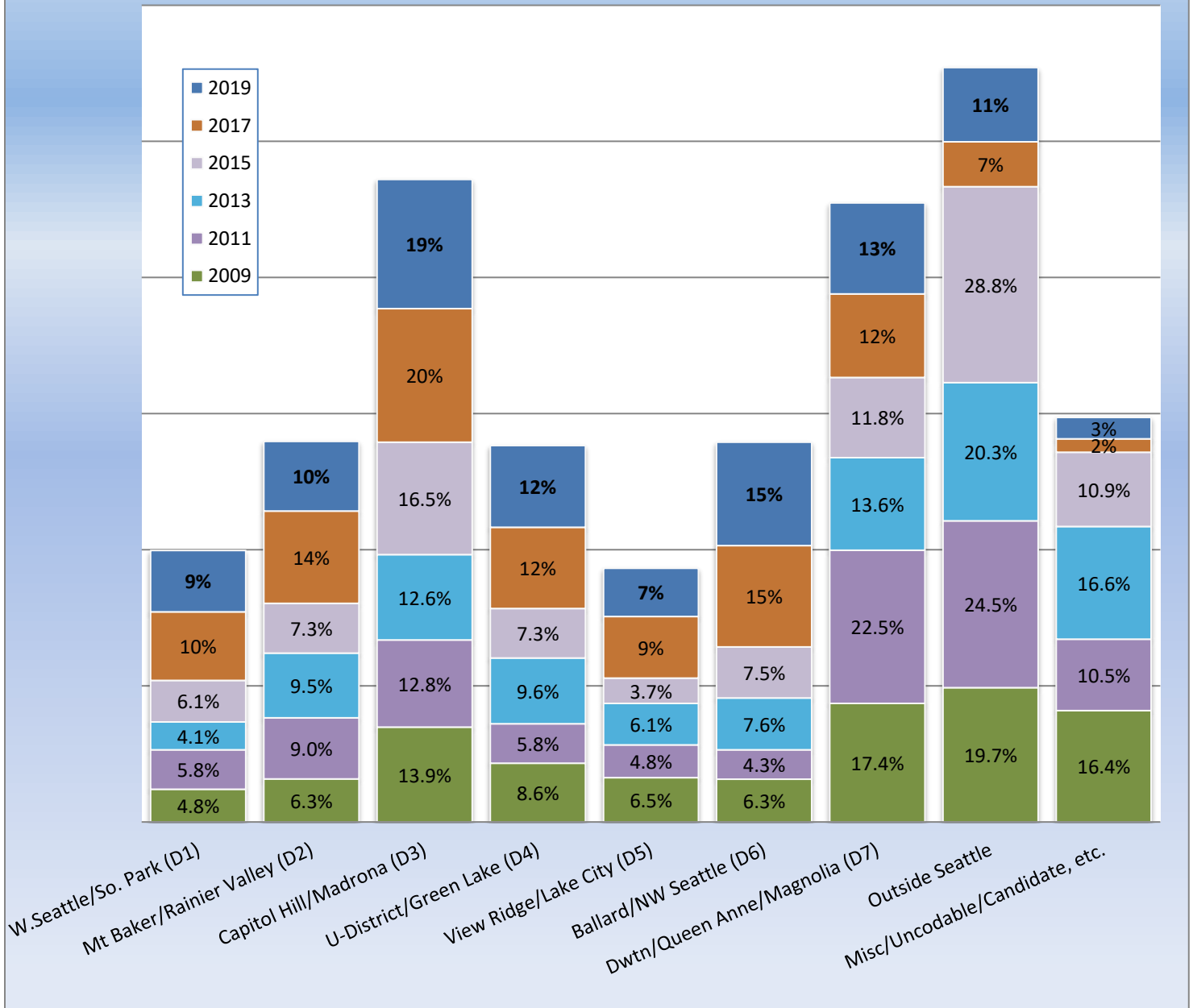
For the second straight election cycle, the average contribution remained at levels not seen in almost 30 years.



Geographic Distribution of Contributors

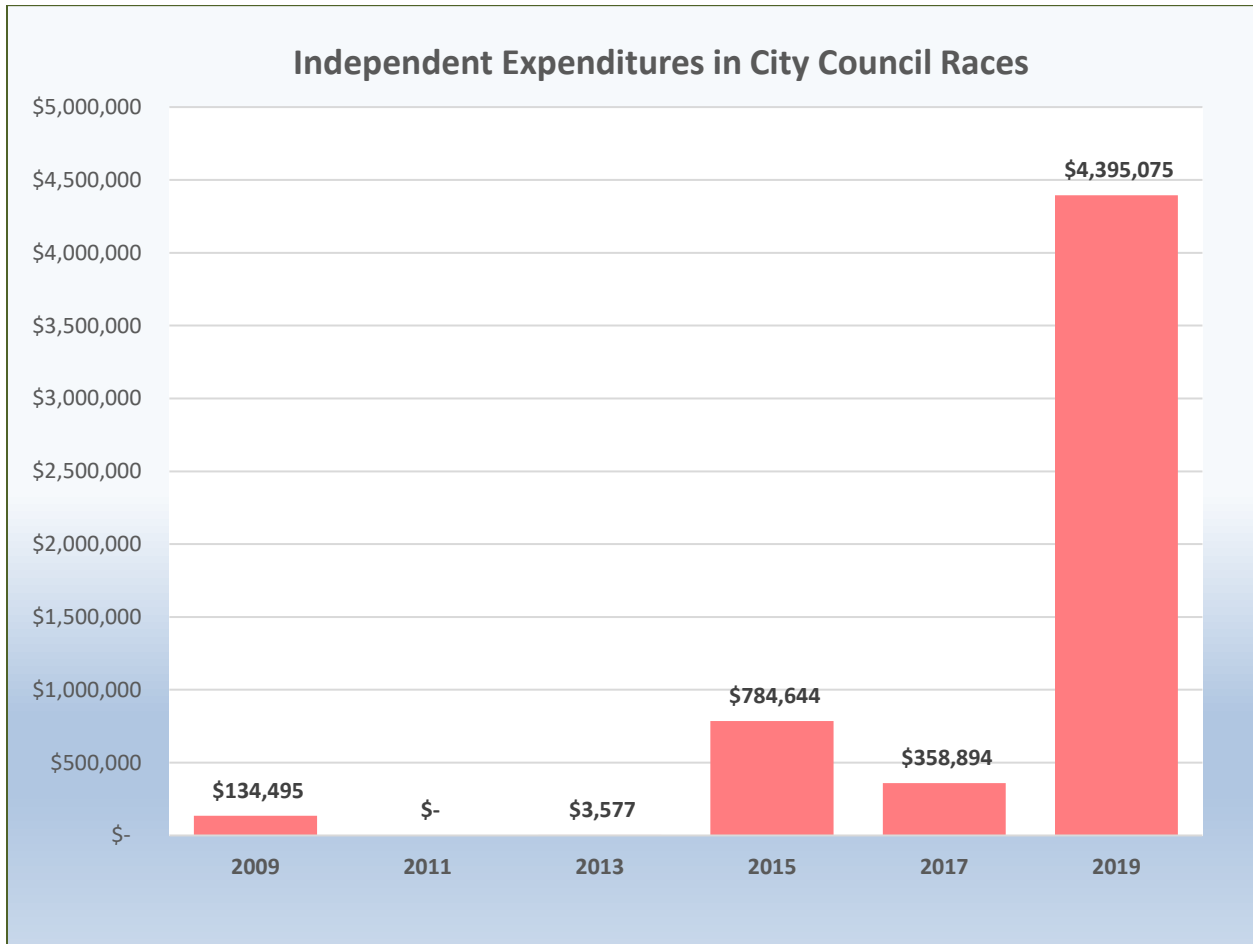
The percentage of contributors residing in Seattle was again close to 90% of all contributors, after hovering between 70 and 80% prior to the debut of the Democracy Voucher Program.

Where Contributors Come From Contributors to City Council Campaigns by Neighborhood/District



Independent Expenditures in Favor of on in Opposition to Council Campaigns

Independent expenditures soared in 2019, dwarfing previous records. Two thirds of the independent spending was spent on behalf of candidates who did not prevail in November.



Top 20 Contributors to City Council Candidates

These are people or organizations who made contributions directly to candidates.

Prior to 2017, when the contribution limit changed from \$700 to \$500, the top 20 contributors fell into a range between \$8,900 and \$5,950.

2019	Contributor	Amount Given to Council Candidates
1	WA State Democrats	\$ 7,750
2	Teamsters Local Union 117	\$ 3,500
4	Service Employees International Union 775/Quality Care Committee	\$ 3,250
4	Service Employees International Union Healthcare 1199NW PAC Fund	\$ 3,250
5	Scott Shapiro	\$ 3,200
6	Professional & Technical Employees Local 17	\$ 3,000
7	Robert Stack	\$ 2,975
9	David Zapolsky	\$ 2,750
9	UFCW 21 PAC	\$ 2,750
10	Ryan Bayne	\$ 2,600
12	Christopher Larson	\$ 2,500
12	New Democracy PAC	\$ 2,500
13	Rollin Fatland	\$ 2,300
16	Brian Huseman	\$ 2,250
16	Guy Palumbo	\$ 2,250
16	Service Employees International Union Local #925	\$ 2,250
17	Elisabeth James	\$ 2,230
18	Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters	\$ 2,200
19	Jennifer Oxley	\$ 2,175
20	Barbara Wilson	\$ 2,125

Top 20 Employers of Contributors to City Council Candidates

This is a list of employers whose employees, using their personal funds, contributed to candidates.¹ Rankings for 2015 and 2017 are included for comparison.

2019	2017	2015	Employer	Amount contributed by employees
1	1	1	NOT EMPLOYED	\$523,805.28
2	5	10	AMAZON.COM / WHOLE FOODS	\$64,999.65
3	2	3	STATE OF WASHINGTON	\$59,958.90
4	6	5	MICROSOFT	\$29,227.00
5	3	2	CITY OF SEATTLE	\$22,427.95
6	7	4	KING COUNTY	\$18,285.00
7	9	11	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	\$12,975.00
8	-	-	SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$11,434.23
9	-	-	GOOGLE LLC	\$11,307.00
10	-	9	THE BOEING COMPANY	\$8,508.00
11	12	-	WINDERMERE REAL ESTATE	\$7,900.00
12	11	-	PROVIDENCE ST JOSEPH HEALTH	\$7,782.00
13	18	12	CEIS BAYNE EAST (CBE) STRATEGIC	\$6,450.00
14	-	-	KAISER PERMANENTE / GROUP HEALTH	\$5,620.00
15	8	6	VULCAN NORTHWEST	\$5,425.00
16	-	-	STARBUCKS COFFEE CO	\$4,232.00
17	-	-	CB RICHARD ELLIS (CBRE)	\$4,125.00
18	10	19	PERKINS COIE LLP	\$4,100.00
19	-	15	TRILOGY PARTNERS	\$3,800.00
20	-	16	PINE STREET DEVELOPMENT	\$3,500.00

¹ Only contributors of more than \$100 are required to provide the name of their employer. This table includes people who contributed \$100 or less *if* they provided the name of their employer.

2019 City Office Vote Returns

Primary Election Vote Returns – August 6, 2019

Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
470,304	197,568	42.01%

Council District 1	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	68,102	27,528	40.42%
Brendan Kolding		4,435	16.75%
Lisa Herbold		13,405	50.62%
Phil Tavel		8,558	32.32%
Write-in		85	0.32%
Total Votes Tallied		26,483	100%

Council District 2	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	58,655	22,172	37.80%
Omari Tahir-Garrett		607	2.86%
Ari Hoffman		2,451	11.54%
Mark Solomon		4,923	23.19%
Chris Peguero		1,000	4.71%
Phyllis Porter		1,254	5.91%
Tammy Morales		10,630	50.07%
Henry Dennison		304	1.43%
Write-in		61	0.29%
Total Votes Tallied		21,230	100%

Council District 3	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	73,123	33,599	45.95%
Logan Bowers		2,250	6.83%
Zachary DeWolf		4,147	12.59%
Pat Murakami		4,279	12.99%
Egan Orion		7,078	21.49%
Kshama Sawant		12,088	36.71%
Ami Nguyen		3,028	9.20%
Write-in		59	0.18%
Total Votes Tallied		32,929	100%

Council District 4	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	60,766	26,744	44.01%
Shaun Scott		6,020	23.26%
Beth Mountsier		718	2.77%
Emily Myers		3,326	12.85%
Alex Pedersen		10,447	40.36%
Cathy Tuttle		3,322	12.83%
Frank A. Krueger		237	0.92%
Ethan Hunter		119	0.46%
Sasha Anderson		328	1.27%
Joshua Newman		317	1.22%
Heidi Stuber		981	3.79%
Write-in		71	0.27%
Total Votes Tallied		25,886	100%

Council District 5	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	63,892	25,762	40.32%
Debora Juarez		11,085	45.10%
John Lombard		3,201	13.02%
Alex Tsimerman		376	1.53%
Mark Mendez		1,558	6.34%
Ann Davison Sattler		6,564	26.71%
Tayla Mahoney		1,742	7.09%
Write-in		50	0.20%
Total Votes Tallied		24,576	100%

Primary Election Vote Returns – August 6, 2019
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Council District 6	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	74,216	34,207	46.09%
Joey Massa		299	0.90%
Sergio García		4,730	14.26%
Heidi Wills		7,048	21.25%
John Peeples		452	1.36%
Terry Rice		287	0.87%
Jon Lisbin		1,063	3.20%
Kara Ceriello		146	0.44%
Dan Strauss		11,328	34.15%
Ed Pottharst		599	1.81%
Jay Fathi		4,367	13.16%
Jeremy Cook		829	2.50%
Melissa Hall		820	2.47%
Kate Martin		1,137	3.43%
Write-in		67	0.20%
Total Votes Tallied		33,172	100%

Council District 7	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	71,550	27,556	38.51%
Naveed Jamali		788	2.97%
James Donaldson		824	3.11%
Gene Burrus		1,501	5.66%
Daniela Lipscomb-Eng		2,591	9.77%
Isabelle J. Kerner		691	2.61%
Don Harper		1,265	4.77%
Michael George		2,460	9.28%
Jason Williams		1,347	5.08%
Jim Pugel		6,566	24.76%
Andrew J. Lewis		8,409	31.71%
Write-in		80	0.30%
Total Votes Tallied		26,522	100%

General Election Vote Returns – November 5, 2019

Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
475,390	258,919	54.46%

Council District 1	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	68,317	37,401	54.51%
Lisa Herbold		20,033	55.71%
Phil Tavel		15,787	43.90%
Write-in		139	.39%
Total Votes Tallied		35,959	100%

Council District 5	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	64,094	34,192	53.35%
Debora Juarez		19,532	60.59%
Ann Davison Sattler		12,588	39.05%
Write-in		114	.35%
Total Votes Tallied		32,234	100%

Council District 2	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	59,389	28,400	47.82%
Tammy Morales		16,379	60.47%
Mark Solomon		10,586	39.08%
Write-in		121	.45%
Total Votes Tallied		27,086	100%

Council District 6	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	74,785	44,399	59.37%
Dan Strauss		23,868	55.65%
Heidi Wills		18,799	43.83%
Write-in		221	.52%
Total Votes Tallied		42,888	100%

Council District 3	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	74,921	44,043	58.79%
Kshama Sawant		22,263	51.83%
Egan Orion		20,488	47.70%
Write-in		205	.48%
Total Votes Tallied		42,956	100%

Council District 7	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	72,517	36,522	50.36%
Andrew J. Lewis		18,336	52.98%
Jim Pugel		16,122	46.58%
Write-in		152	.44%
Total Votes Tallied		34,610	100%

Council District 4	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
	61,367	33,962	55.34%
Alex Pedersen		16,954	51.94%
Shaun Scott		15,568	47.69%
Write-in		119	.36%
Total Votes Tallied		32,641	100%