

Memo

To: Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission
From: Wayne Barnett
Date: December 9, 2021
Re: Modifications to DVP for a 2022 City Council District 3 Election

Overview

The voters of City Council District 3 (D3) will vote whether to recall the current D3 council member on December 7, 2021. If the recall is approved, the next primary and general elections for D3 will be held in 2022. The candidate will serve for one year and then the position will again appear on the 2023 ballot.

This memo relates only to the 2022 election cycle. It documents regular election activities that will occur, describes specific items for discussion and decision, and provides staff recommendations.

Key Dates

November 17, 2021	Ballots were mailed to D3 voters
December 7, 2021	December Recall Election
December 17, 2021	Certification of the Recall Election
March 1, 2022	Last day to begin mailing vouchers.

Decision Items applying to a 2022 Election

1. Issue vouchers to all Seattle residents or to D3 residents?
 - a. Recommend issuing to D3 residents only.
2. Issue 4/\$25 vouchers to residents.
 - a. Recommend 4/\$25.
3. District candidates must collect 150 qualifying signatures and 150 qualifying contributions with at least 75 of each coming from residents within the D3.
 - a. Recommend no change.
4. Individual contribution limit for non-DVP candidates was established in February 2020 as \$550.
 - a. Recommend no change currently. Note that the commission will review this limit in early 2022.
5. Individual contribution limit for DVP candidates was established in February 2020 as \$300.
 - a. Recommend no change currently. Note that the commission will review this limit in early 2022.

6. Maximum Campaign Valuation for council district DVP candidates was established in October 2020 as \$187,500 with up to \$93,750 available for the primary.
 - a. Recommend no change. MCVs for all positions may be revisited by the commission in 2022.
7. Campaigns may host the campaign replacement form on their website.
 - a. Recommend no change.
8. Establish a contracting budget for community organizations with ties to D3 residents.
 - a. Recommend \$40,000 total with contracts up to \$10,000.

2022 Decisions

1. Candidates can begin qualifying activities once the Director can determine the results of the recall.
2. Keep the mailing date as no later than March 1, 2022 if mailing only to D3.
3. Establish a candidate budget of \$750,000, enough to fully fund six DVP candidates through the Primary and two in the General election.
4. Candidate Introductions, the voter pamphlet (from KCE), and the video voter guide will be available to residents.