

# Memo

To: Commissioners

From: Wayne Barnett

Date: January 2, 2008

Re: Mini campaign reporting

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SMC 2.04.060.A empowers the Executive Director to “[r]elieve, by published regulations of general applicability, candidates or political committees of obligations to comply with some or all of the reporting provisions of this chapter relating to disclosure of campaign finances, if they have not received contributions nor made expenditures of more than Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) plus, in the case of candidates, the amount of the candidate's filing fee provided by law, in connection with any election campaign.”

On December 6, 2007, the Public Disclosure Commission amended WAC 390-16-105 to raise the state’s mini campaign reporting threshold from \$3,500 to \$5,000. I recommend that the Commission recommend to the City Council a conforming change to the SMC, so that the SMC 2.04.060.A will read:

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