



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To: Richmond City Council
From: Claudia Jesson
Director, City Clerk's Office
Chief Election Officer


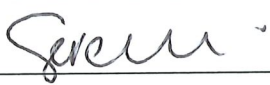
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Re: Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements for 2022 General Local and School Election – Failure to File

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements for 2022 General Local and School Election – Failure to File”, dated February 7, 2023, from the Chief Election Officer, be received for information by Richmond City Council in accordance with the requirement of Section 61(2) of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

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REPORT CONCURRENCE
CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER 
APPROVED BY CAO 

Staff Report

Origin

The *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act (LECFA)* provides Elections BC with the authority to administer campaign financing and advertising rules. This Act requires that each individual declared as a candidate must file a disclosure statement after the general election with the BC Chief Electoral Officer.

In accordance with Section 61(2) of *LECFA*, the local authority is required to prepare a report on the notice of a candidate who has failed to file a disclosure statement with Elections BC. This report fulfills this statutory requirement.

Analysis

Section 47 of *LECFA* requires that candidates and elector organizations file a campaign financing disclosure statement within 90 days after general voting day of the election, January 13, 2023. Candidates may file disclosure statements for another 30 days but this late filing is subject to a \$500 late filing fee. The last day to meet this legislative requirement is 4:30 pm on February 13, 2023.

In accordance with *LECFA*, Elections BC provided a notice on January 23, 2023 advising that Chai Chung had failed to file a disclosure statement with Elections BC by the required deadline. Following the late filing deadline of February 13, 2023, Elections BC will provide further notification to confirm whether or not the candidate has fulfilled the filing requirements. It should be noted that those candidates who fail to file by the end of the late filing period and pay the penalty will be disqualified from being nominated or elected.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* requires that the Chief Election Officer present the name of any candidate or elector organization that did not file a campaign financing disclosure statement within the 90-day filing period to an open meeting of Council, as soon as practicable. This report is to comply with this legislation.



Claudia Jesson
Director, City Clerk's Office and Chief Election Officer