

Stonewall Young Democrats

Resolution to Support Councilman Bonin's Reforms to Matching Funds Program

WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles' Public Matching Funds Program is intended to improve the ability of grassroots candidates to run viable campaigns for office,

WHEREAS, Recent improvements to the Public Matching Funds Program resulted in a 76-134% increase in the number of contributions needed to qualify for matching funds,

WHEREAS, A lower aggregate qualifying threshold will allow candidates who demonstrate their viability to boost their campaigns with matching funds,

WHEREAS, Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz introduced an amendment to adjust the aggregate qualifying thresholds for all city offices, so candidates can qualify with the same minimum number of contributors as they could under the previous system,

WHEREAS, Candidates who receive matching funds should engage in a debate or town hall in order to allow voters to better understand each candidate's positions and make a more informed decision about their vote,

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission and Los Angeles City Rules Committee both unanimously approved these recommendations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **Stonewall Young Democrats** urge the Los Angeles City Council to support all of the following recommendations approved by the Ethics Commission on February 19th, 2019:

- Lower the aggregate qualifying threshold to \$11,400 for City Council Candidates, \$32,100 for City Attorney and Controller Candidates, and \$64,200 for Mayoral Candidates
- Require matching funds candidates to participate in a debate or townhall

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be submitted to Los Angeles City Council to be filed under Council File Numbers 12-1269-S5 and 15-1088-S1 to express our support for this matter.