MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendations relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to revise the City's campaign finance laws and to amend the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to revise the Ethics Commission regulations regarding public matching funds (Item No. 12, Council file No. 12-1269), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE (Ordinance A), relative to amending Article 9.7 of the LAMC to make various changes to the City's campaign finance laws with a signature requirement for receiving accelerated funds that would be applicable to the 2015 election, with the following amendments:
   a. Delete Item B of Section 49.7.16, Contributor Information (page 13).
   b. Amend Item C of Section 49.7.33, Disclaimers on Political Communications (page 30), as follows:
      C. A person making an independent expenditure communication under Section 49.7.31(B) 49.7.31(A)(2) shall incorporate the following statements:
         1. "Not authorized by or coordinated with a City candidate."
         2. "Additional information is available at ethics.lacity.org."

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE (Ordinance C) relative to amending the LAAC to make various changes to the City Ethics Commission matching funds regulations.

3. REQUEST the City Attorney to Prepare and Present an Ordinance relative to revising Section 49.7.33, Disclaimers on Political Communications (Ordinance A, Page 30) to streamline the disclaimer requirements for candidate and independent expenditure verbal communications, including the elimination of address information.

4. INSTRUCT the City Ethics Department to report back after the 2013 election relative to:
   a. The overall effectiveness and utility of the recent changes to the campaign finance ordinance.
   b. The impact of a 4 to 1 match (instead of 2 to 1) in the 2015 primary election.
   c. The impact of the above changes on Trust Fund projections for the 2015 election.
   d. The impact of the above changes on the budget and personnel requirements for the Office of the City Clerk and the City Ethics Department for 2015.
   e. The impact of a 4 to 1 match on the Trust Fund without the signature requirement.
   f. Trust fund impacts of permanent increase to matching funds maximum amount in general elections to City Council and City-wide candidates.
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