

**FW: 2020 Primary Campaign Finance Inquiry**

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**From:** CampaignGuidance <SJElections@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 3:11 PM**To:** 'Marshall Woodmansee' <[REDACTED]>; CampaignGuidance <SJElections@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** RE: 2020 Primary Campaign Finance Inquiry

Dear Marshall Woodmansee,

Under Section 12.06.710 of Chapter 12.06 of Title 12 of the San Jose Municipal Code, a campaign-related debt, which remains unpaid more than one hundred eighty days after the election is deemed to have been a campaign contribution which was accepted at the time the debt was incurred. Based on the summary of your post campaign surplus fund activities it does not appear that there is any violation of the debt retirement rules under Title 12 of the San Jose Municipal Code.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

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**From:** Marshall Woodmansee <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2023 2:06 PM**To:** CampaignGuidance <[SJElections@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:SJElections@sanjoseca.gov)>**Subject:** Re: 2020 Primary Campaign Finance InquiryYou don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

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Dear City Attorney,

I am the responsible party for a candidate-controlled committee that has been active since 2020. I was a candidate for the San Jose City Council District 6 primary election. Unfortunately, I did not retire my campaign-related debts in the allotted time.

At this time, I have (A) returned surplus funds back to the contributors equal to the amount they donated, (B) deposited any remaining surplus funds into the City general fund, and (C) have unpaid debt equal to \$2,501.

This violation of campaign debt retirement rules is due to the COVID-19 pandemic which forced us into lockdown 13 days following the end of my unsuccessful campaign.

What are the next steps for addressing this issue?

Thank you for your reply.

Sincerely,  
Marshall A Woodmansee

On Wed, Dec 9, 2020 at 11:25 AM Campaign Guidance <[SJElections@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:SJElections@sanjoseca.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Woodmansee:

The City Clerk forwarded your inquiry, regarding an extension of the deadline to retire campaign-related debt, to the City Attorney Campaign Guidance Email Hotline.

Section 12.06.710, subsection B, of the San Jose Municipal Code states that "a candidate must retire all campaign-related debts, including loans, within one hundred eighty days after the date of the election," and there is no provision in the Municipal Code that allows for the extension of this deadline.

Per 12.06.710, subsection C, "any campaign-related debt, including any loan, which remains unpaid more than one hundred eighty days after the election is deemed to have been a campaign contribution which was accepted at the time the debt was incurred." Furthermore, under subsection D, "it is a violation of [Section 12.06.710] to forgive all or part of a loan or debt which is owed to the person by a candidate and which exceeds the applicable contribution limitations [\$600 for the 2020 primary election]." However, "forgiveness of a loan or debt shall not be deemed to include the failure to collect the loan or debt where there have been substantial attempts, in good faith, to collect the monies owed and such efforts have proved unsuccessful. In such case, a candidate is not exonerated from violations of this chapter if an outstanding loan or debt exceeds the contribution limitations."

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**From:** Marshall Woodmansee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Subject:** 2020 Primary Campaign Finance Inquiry

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Hello Office of the City Clerk,

My name is Marshall Woodmansee and I was a candidate for the 2020 District 6 City Council Primary Election. I am inquiring on the possibility for an extension of the deadline to retire campaign debt.

Toni Taber communicated with me regarding the August 30th deadline but certain life and political events kept me from clearing my remaining debt and contributions.

Is there a better contact for this deadline extension request or steps I can take to move this forward?

Thank you for your response,  
Marshall Woodmansee



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