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From: Campaign Guidance
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Dev Davis
Cc: Victor Ajlouny
Subject: Response re: Campaign debt

Councilmember Davis:

This email responds to your inquiry asking what happens if a campaign has outstanding debt and whether a campaign committee can raise funds after the election.

Candidates may not fundraise to pay off campaign debt outside the campaign contribution period, which ends at 11:59 the day before the election. (12.06.290, 12.06.710). However, candidates who move on to the run-off may resume fundraising the day after the primary for the November election. (12.06.290.D.)

If a campaign committee ultimately ends an election with debt, candidates may contribute personal funds to their campaign committee to pay any campaign debt up until 11:59 p.m. on the 180th day after the election. (12.06.295.) Personal funds used for campaign purposes must first be deposited into the campaign committee's bank account for payment to the creditor. Campaign contributions from a candidate's own personal funds are not limited by the City's campaign contribution limit but candidates must report the source of the personal funds to the City on the Form 502.

Campaign-related debt must be retired 180 days after the election. (12.06.710.) Outstanding debt remaining after 180 days is considered a campaign contribution accepted at the time the debt was incurred and subject to the City's campaign contribution limits. (12.06.710.D.)

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