



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to receive and file an update on electronic filing of Campaign Finance Disclosures. (Citywide)

Under L.B.M.C. Section 2.02.010, the City of Long Beach mandates that only certain types of committees file via our electronic portal, CampaignDocs. Expanding the committees that file via CampaignDocs would improve internal procedural efficiencies and public transparency. Pursuant to the Political Reform Act as amended in January 2013, the City of Long Beach has met the prescribed requirements of the Act and is authorized to enact electronic filing of all campaign disclosure statements without the added burden of requiring filers to submit duplicate originals in paper format.

Specifically, the City of Long Beach System:

- a. Is available free of charge to filers and to the public for filing viewing.
- b. Accepts filings in a standardized record, a format developed by the California Secretary of State.
- c. Ensures the integrity of the data transmitted and includes safeguards against efforts to tamper with, manipulate, alter, or subvert the data.
- d. Issues to a person who files a statement electronically an electronic confirmation that notifies the filer that the statement was received, including the date and time.
- e. Provides a copy to the filer of any statement filed electronically.
- f. Makes all the data filed available on the internet in an easily understood format that provides transparent access.
- g. Redacts the street name and building number of the persons or entities listed, phone numbers, signatures, or any bank account numbers.
- h. Permits filers to electronically sign statements under penalty of perjury.
- i. Allows the City Clerk to maintain an archive of the information filed for a period of at least 10 years.

The Office of the City Clerk proposes the following amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code:

2.02.010 - Electronic filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements.

As soon as feasible, the City of Long Beach shall establish electronic filing of campaign disclosure statements pursuant to California Government Code Section 84615 for ~~candidate controlled committees established for Mayor, City Attorney, City Prosecutor, City Auditor, and City Council, and for primarily formed City of Long Beach committees.~~ all committees required by law to file with the City.

The City of Long Beach has been at the forefront of innovation as the first government agency to implement and provide online access to campaign finance filings. The Office of the City Clerk strives to lead as an early adopter of efficient systems and practices.

To move towards a more efficient records retention program, the Office of the City Clerk will present a staff report to City Council to work with the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to L.B.M.C. Section 2.02.010, as outlined above.

None.

Approve recommendation.

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City Clerk