Portland Elections Commission Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2024, 7pm

PEC Members Present: Commissioners Amy Sample Ward, Norman Turrill, Cristina Nieves, Courtney Veronneau, Anahi Segovia Rodriguez, Amy Ruiz
PEC Members Absent: Commissioner Berk Nelson, Kevin Neely
Small Donor Elections Staff Present: Susan Mottet and Daniel Lewkow

Housekeeping
Minutes for the May (edited), June and July meetings were approved unanimously. The Commission was informed about the media coverage of complaint to Auditor's office for Rene for Portland campaign. The Auditor's office is leading the process as the complaint was filed with that office.

Appoint Adelia Hwang as Hearings Officer
The Portland Elections Commission appoints hearings officers. After negotiating with the Auditor's office, they have agreed to let us use the contractor they use to handle appeals where the City has a real or apparent conflict of interest, Adelia Hwang. Ms. Hwang is an attorney who was recommended to the Small Donor Elections program by the City Hearings Office, for whom she used to work as a hearings officer. She also previously worked as an adjudicator for the Oregon's Employment Department. Ms. Hwang was approved as a hearings officer with a unanimous vote.

Rulemaking Authority
The City Attorney's Office informed the program that the way they are interpreting the section of the Small Donor Elections code that shifts rulemaking authority from the Portland Elections Commission to the City Administrator due to a new Charter provision that goes into effect in January 2025, is that the shift is effective now instead of in January 2025. I was asked to get the City Attorney's Office to draft a delegation memo to delegate it back to the Portland Elections Commission. I asked for a permanent delegation (revokable at any time), rather than one that expires in January 2025. The Commission decided that the Chair will send a letter to the City Administrator making this request and offering the reasons.

Discuss latest actuals to estimate – can match caps be raised?
The data from the chart on the next page was reviewed. The certification data will be more complete in September. The Commission decided to discuss at its September meeting if there is any room left in the matching funds budget to increase any match caps, once the final number of certified candidates is known.

The meeting was adjourned.

	Candidates	Aug '24 Estimate	'22 Estimate	Over/Under
Mayor		**$400,000**	**$700,000**	**Under by $300,000**
3 certified candidates	Carmen Rubio Rene Gonzalez Keith Wilson			
2 applicants	Mingus Mapps* Liv Osthus*			
Auditor		**$0**	**$0**	**Exact**
0 certified/applicants				
Council District 1		**$520,000**	**$680,000**	**Under by $160,000**
5 candidates certified	Steph Routh Timur Ender Candace Avalos Jamie Dunphy Loretta Smith			
3 applicants	Terrence Hayes Noah Ernst Cayle Tern			
Council District 2		**$1,160,000**	**$680,000**	**Over by $480,000**
12 candidates certified	Nat West** Marnie Glickman** Dan Ryan Tiffani Penson Jonathan Tasini Mariah Hudson Nabil Zaghloul Mike Marshall James Armstrong Elana Pirtle-Guiney Debbie Kitchin Bob Simril			
6 applicants	Christopher Olson* Michelle DePass* & ** William Mespelt* & ** Laura Streib Jennifer Park Sameer Kanal* & **			
Council District 3		**$520,000**	**$680,000**	**Under by $160,000**
6 certified candidates	Tiffany Koyama Lane Angelita Morillo Jesse Cornett Steve Novick Daniel DeMelo Rex Burkholder			
4 applicants	Chris Flanary* Luke Zak* Ahlam Osman Harrison Kass**			
Council District 4		**$1,080,000**	**$680,000**	**Over by $400,000**
12 certified candidates	Olivia Clark Chad Lykins Eli Arnold Mitchell Green Stan Penkin Sarah Silkie Ben Hufford Tony Morse Bob Weinstein Moses Ross Lisa Freeman Eric Zimmerman			
2 applicants	Chris Henry John Toran			
TOTAL	**38 certified, 17 applicants**	$3,680,000	$3,420,000	**Over by $260,000**

*Waiting on reports from ActBlue **Waiting to see if approved to appear on the ballot