

RESOLUTION No.

Refer Portland City Code Chapter 2.10, Campaign Finance Fund, to City voters at the November 2, 2010 General Election ballot (Resolution)

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ordinance 179258 on May 18, 2005, creating City Code Chapter 2.10, Campaign Finance Fund; and

WHEREAS, City Council subsequently amended City Code Chapter 2.10 by passing Ordinances 179535, 181054, 181656, 182852, and 183176; and

WHEREAS, the Campaign Finance Fund is a voluntary program providing public campaign funds to qualified City candidates for Mayor, Commissioner and Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Campaign Finance Fund has been utilized by City candidates in three election cycles: 2006; 2008; and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 179258, directive (g), describes that “The Auditor is directed to prepare a Resolution, Measure and Ballot Title to refer the publicly financed campaign system to the voters at the November 2010 general election, and return such Resolution, Measure and Ballot Title to City Council by June 1, 2010.”; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Campaign Commission, described in City Code Section 2.10.030, is a seven-member, Council-appointed body intended to advise Council and the Auditor on the Campaign Finance Fund; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, City Council asked the Citizen Campaign Commission for a recommendation on a date for referring the Campaign Finance Fund to the voters; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Citizen Campaign Commission recommended to Council that the Campaign Finance Fund be referred to voters at the November 2, 2010 General Election ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council submits an act, attached hereto as Exhibit A, entitled: “A Measure, amending the City of Portland Code, Title 2, Legislation and Elections, by ordinance to provide a voluntary campaign finance program for Auditor, City Commissioner and Mayoral elections”, and Exhibit A.1., new City Code Chapter 2.10. Both Exhibit A and its attachment Exhibit A.1. are hereby submitted to the legal voters of the City of Portland, Oregon, for adoption or rejection at the General Election in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Washington County to be held on November 2, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council submits the ballot title for the November 2, 2010 General Election ballot, as shown in the attached Exhibit B; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Auditor to publish the ballot title as shown in Exhibit B in accordance with City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot measure shall either continue the Campaign Finance Fund by authorizing the referred City Code Chapter 2.10 in Exhibit A, or effectively discontinue the Campaign Finance Fund by allowing the current and effective City Code Chapter 2.10 to not apply to any election after the November 2010 General Election. Each voter who votes upon said proposed measure shall vote “yes” or “no” in the space indicated for such vote on the City ballot at said election. A “yes” vote shall approve continuing the Campaign Finance Fund after the November 2, 2010 General Election Period. A “no” vote shall reject continuing the Campaign Finance Fund after the November 2, 2010 General Election Period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Auditor may submit an explanatory statement to Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington County elections offices for publication in each county’s voters’ pamphlet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Auditor is directed to forward to Multnomah County Elections office all material necessary to place this measure on the November 2, 2010 General Election ballot.

Adopted by the Council:

Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
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Date Prepared: May 19, 2010

LAVONNE GRIFFIN-VALADE
Auditor of the City of Portland
By

Deputy