

# RECEIPT – QUALIFIED CONTRIBUTION FOR FAIR ELECTIONS FUNDS

Complete required fields.

<b>COMMITTEE INFORMATION</b> - <i>required</i>					
COMMITTEE NAME					
<b>CANDIDATE INFORMATION</b> - <i>required</i>					
THIS CONTRIBUTION IS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATE					
<b>CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION</b>					
Amount: \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit/Debit	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Online Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
<b>CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION</b> - <i>required</i>					
LAST			FIRST		M.I.
HOME ADDRESS				APARTMENT/SUITE/FLOOR	
CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE (if any)		EMAIL ADDRESS (if any)			
<b>To comply with reporting requirements, individuals must provide occupation and employer. If you are not employed, indicate what best describes your employment status (e.g., “homemaker,” “student,” “retired,” or “unemployed”). If self-employed, enter the name of the business and city of employment.</b>					
OCCUPATION			EMPLOYER/IF SELF EMPLOYED ENTER BUSINESS NAME AND CITY		
<b>CERTIFICATION</b> - <i>required</i>					
I understand that the purpose of this contribution is to help the above-named candidate qualify for Fair Elections campaign funding as prescribed by the Berkeley Charter, Article III (Elections) and Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 (Election Reform Act). I have made this contribution without coercion or reimbursement. I certify that I am a Berkeley resident.					
CONTRIBUTOR SIGNATURE				DATE	

COMMITTEE USE ONLY

*Place one of the following images here:*

- *Check*
- *Credit Card Slip or Receipt*
- *Online Payment Receipt*
- *Cash or Money Order Receipt*

## SELECTED REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS FOR QUALIFIED CONTRIBUTIONS

*Please reference the Berkeley Election Reform Act codified in Berkeley Municipal Code 2.12 for complete requirements*

### **What is the Public Financing Program?**

In 2016, Berkeley voters established an optional public financing program for candidates for Mayor and City Council. In 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 7,793-N.S amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act (BMC Chapter 2.12) to make public financing available to candidates for the offices of Auditor, School Board Director, and Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner. Participating candidates are eligible to receive matching public funds of six times the amount of contributions received, up to \$147,000 (Mayoral candidates), \$49,000 (Council candidates), \$25,000 (School Board Director and City Auditor candidates), or \$10,000 (Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner candidates).<sup>1</sup>

### **Why do you need my personal information?**

The information you provide is required to demonstrate that you are a natural person resident of the City of Berkeley, as required by the Public Financing Program.<sup>2</sup>

### **What is a Qualified Contribution?**

Qualified Contributions are monetary contributions limited to \$60 or less and made by a natural person resident of the City of Berkeley.<sup>3</sup>

### **What is the Qualifying Period?**

The qualifying period is the period beginning on the day after the date of the most recent general election for the specific office that a candidate is seeking and ending at the close regular business hours, 14 days before the date of election for which the candidate is seeking office. To qualify for participation in the Public Financing Program, the candidate must collect at least thirty (30) Qualified Contributions of at least \$10, for a total dollar amount of at least \$610 before the close of the qualifying period.<sup>4</sup>

### **Are there any restrictions on candidates' personal funds?**

Yes. Candidates may not make expenditures from or use their personal funds or property or the personal funds or property jointly held with their spouse, domestic partner, or emancipated children in connection with their election except as a qualified contribution to their controlled committee.<sup>5</sup>

### **Where can I find more information regarding this program**

Visit the City of Berkeley website to learn more: <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/elections/campaign-finance>

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<sup>1</sup> Berkeley Municipal Code § 2.12.500.A.3.

<sup>2</sup> Berkeley Municipal Code § 2.12.500.A.3.

<sup>3</sup> Berkeley Municipal Code § 2.12.167

<sup>4</sup> Berkeley Municipal Code § 2.12.168

<sup>5</sup> Berkeley Municipal Code § 2.12.500.A.6.