

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 5, 2026

Honorable Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Affairs: Jesse Moreno (Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson, Cara Mendelsohn, and Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **Campaign Contribution Limits - Texas Home-Rule Cities**

The information provided relates to Item F on your May 5 agenda: "Discussion of campaign contribution limits for city elections." is attached.

If you need additional information, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Biliera Johnson

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City Secretary

c: Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, City Manager
Bertram Vandenberg, City Attorney (I)
Mamatha Sparks, City Auditor (I)
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Baron Eliason, Inspector General (I)
Dominique Artis, Chief of Public Safety

Dev Rastogi, Assistant City Manager
M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager
Alina Ciocan, Assistant City Manager
Robin Bentley, Assistant City Manager
Jack Ireland, Chief Financial Officer
Ahmad Goree, Chief of Staff to the City Manager
John Johnson, Chief of Real Estate
Directors and Assistant Directors

Campaign Contribution Limits

Texas Home-Rule Cities



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Key Points:



- No statewide contribution limits for municipal (city) elections
- Limits exist only if adopted locally (home-rule authority)
- Many Texas home-rule cities do not impose caps (approximately 350 home-rule cities)
- Default: Unlimited contributions unless restricted locally



Texas City Contribution Limits Comparison



City	Mayor Limit	Council Limit	Notes
Houston	\$5,000	\$5,000	Same cap for all candidates
Austin	\$500	\$500	Same cap + aggregate limits
Dallas	\$5,000	\$1,000	Mayor higher than council
San Antonio	\$1,000	\$500	Mayor is 2× council

About **1.1%** of Texas home-rule cities have actual dollar campaign contribution caps.



Cities WITHOUT Contribution Limits



These cities operate under state law only for contribution amounts (no local dollar caps in their city code for candidates):

North Texas / DFW region

- Frisco
- McKinney
- Allen
- Plano
- Arlington
- Garland

West / North Texas

- Lubbock
- Amarillo

South / Coastal Texas

- Corpus Christi
- Laredo



Questions...

