# Campaign Finance System

## Public Guide

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Public Dashboard
Members of the public can view and search for publicly available information about candidates and committees, ballot issues, campaign finance contributions and expenditures.

From the Dashboard, you can:

- View summaries of campaign contributions and independent expenditures
- Search for information about candidates and committees, including candidate committees, ballot issue committees, and other committees.
- Search transactions, including contributions, expenditures, and penalties.
- View a list of all candidates
- View a list of all ballot issues
- View a calendar of filing deadlines

View a Summary of Campaign Contributions
Visuals provide a view of data about campaign contributions and independent expenditures affecting ballot measures and candidates.

Ballot Issues
To view contributions to ballot issues, select the election cycle of the ballot measures you want to see. The chart will list contributions to committees in support of each issue. Unaffiliated committees represent contributions not yet linked to a ballot issue.

Figure 1 Ballot Issues Summary

Candidates
To view contributions and independent expenditures supporting candidates, select an election cycle and office. The chart will list all candidates running for the selected office during the chosen election cycle. You can click to check or uncheck the boxes in the key to include or exclude contributions, independent
expenditures, and Fair Elections Fund disbursements from the chart. When more than five candidates ran for the selected election cycle and office, you can click See More to view the other candidates.

Search Candidates and Committees

To search for a candidate or committee, enter a name or partial name in the Search field. Matching candidates and committees appear as you type. Click the one you want to view.

See candidates, issues, or committees to learn about the information displayed on a result page for each.

Candidates

If a candidate committee has been active for more than one election cycle, you can change the election cycle to view corresponding information.
Overview
The financial overview shows the total cash on hand for the candidate, as well as a summary of funds that support and oppose the candidate, broken out by categories. You can click to check or uncheck the boxes in the key to include or exclude contributions, independent expenditures, and Fair Elections Fund disbursements from the chart. Opposition consists of funds supporting other candidates running in the same race and independent expenditures opposing the selected candidate.

To see information about specific transactions in the financial overview, click Search Transactions.

Support
The support section shows the top contributors to the campaign and the top independent spenders in support of the candidate.

Opposition
The opposition section shows the top independent spenders in opposition to the candidate. Click an opponent’s name to view the candidate page for an opposing candidate.

Expenditures
The expenditures section shows the total expenditures by the candidate’s campaign, including subtotals for expenditures paid for using Fair Election Fund disbursements and expenditures from other campaign contributions. This section also displays a list of the top expenditures by the candidate’s campaign.

Filings
The campaign filings section lists filings, such as campaign finance reports, that have been submitted by the candidate’s committee. Change the Report Year at the top of the list to see reports for a specific year.
Click View to see the complete filing.

When a candidate has submitted amendments for a particular filing, you can click the small arrow to expand the row and see previous versions of the report.

**Penalties**
The penalties section lists any penalties that the city administrator has assessed against the candidate committee. Click View to see an attachment with more information about the penalty. If there are no penalties, this section will not appear.

**Complaints**
The complaints section lists any complaints that have been filed against the candidate committee. Click View to see an attachment with more information about the complaint. If there are no complaints, this section will not appear.

**Audits**
The audits section lists any completed audit reports for this candidate. Click View to see an audit report. If there are no audits, this section will not appear.

**Political Committees**
If a committee has been active for more than one election cycle, you can change the election cycle to view corresponding information.

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**Denver Fire Fighters PAC**
Treasurer: Phil Cordova

To support candidates or issues who will help better the lives and protect the safety of Denver Fire Fighters.

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**Overview**
The financial overview shows a summary of campaign contributions given to the committee. To see information about specific transactions in the financial overview, click Search Transactions.

**Support**
The support section shows the top contributors to the committee.

**Expenditures**
The expenditures section shows the total expenditures and the top expenditures for the committee.
Filings
The committee’s filings section lists filings, such as campaign finance reports, that have been submitted by the committee. Change the Report Year at the top of the list to see reports for a specific year.

Click View to see the complete filing.

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Audits
The audits section lists any completed audit reports for this committee. Click View to see an audit report. If there are no audits, this section will not appear.

Ballot Issues
The page describes the ballot issue and combines data from all committees supporting or opposing this issue. Not all issues have committees registered in support or opposition – when this is the case, the related sections of the page indicate that there are no committees with that position.

Figure 5 Issue Page for Issue 2A

Overview
The financial overview shows total campaign contributions to committees that support and oppose the issue, and independent expenditures supporting or opposing the issue.
To see information about specific transactions in the financial overview, click Search Transactions.

Committees
The committees section lists the committees that support and oppose the ballot issue. Click any committee name to view the page for that committee.

Support
The support section shows the top contributors to supporting committees and the top independent spenders in support of the issue.

Opposition
The opposition section shows top contributors to opposing committees and the top independent spenders in opposition to the issue.

Expenditures
The expenditures section shows the total expenditures and top expenditures for the issue, both in support and opposition.

Filings
The filings section lists filings, such as campaign finance reports, grouped by the committee that submitted them. Change the Report Year at the top of the list to see reports for a specific year.

Click View to see the complete filing.

When a committee has submitted amendments for a particular filing, you can click the small arrow to expand the row and see previous versions of the report.

Search Transactions
To find specific campaign finance transactions, click Search Transactions on the dashboard. The search updates when you change your filters or when you click Go. Clear the selected filters using the Reset All button at the top or bottom of the left-hand column. Use the filter at the top of the left-hand column to select the type of transaction you are looking for: contributions, expenditures, or penalties.

Contributions
When searching contributions, choose filters to narrow your search to contributions by type, by contributor, by recipient, and by date.
Under **Transaction Type**, select Contributions and choose a subtype (optional).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monetary</th>
<th>A contribution made by cash, check, credit, debit, cryptocurrency, or other form of currency.</th>
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<tr>
<td>In-Kind</td>
<td>A contribution to the campaign in the form of donated goods or services.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Loan</td>
<td>A loan taken by the committee.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fair Election Fund Disbursement</td>
<td>An amount disbursed to a participating candidate committee from the Fair Election Fund.</td>
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Under **Contributions From**, select All Contributors or enter a name or part of a name in the **Just these contributors** field and click **Go**.

Optionally, specify a Contributor Location by entering a city name or part of a name in the **Contributor Location** field. Select the appropriate location from the suggestions and click **Go**.
Under **Contributions To**, select Everything, or narrow the search to Candidates, Ballot Measures, or Other Committees.

To narrow your search to specific candidates, either enter the candidate’s name or select the office for which a candidate is running.

To narrow your search to specific ballot measures, enter the ballot measure and click **Go** or select a ballot measure from the drop-down menu. Optionally, select Support or Oppose from the committee position dropdown to limit results to committees that support or oppose the ballot measure.

To narrow your search to other committees, search for All Committees or limit the results by selecting a specific Committee Type.

Under **Dates**, select All Dates and Election cycles, or specify a date range or election cycle.

In the results pane, contributions are summarized by type. Below the summary, sort the list of results by clicking on the column header. For individual contributions in the list, expand any row to see more details about the contribution.

To download a list of the results, click **Download CSV**.
Expenditures

When searching expenditures, choose filters to narrow your search by type, by candidate or committee who made the expenditure, by the payee, and by date.

Under **Transaction Type**, select Expenditures and choose a subtype (optional).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Expenditure</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Expenditure</td>
<td>An expense incurred and paid by a committee.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unpaid Obligation</td>
<td>An expense that has not yet been paid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Independent Expenditure</td>
<td>An expense incurred to influence a campaign, independent of the candidate or issue committee.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Under **Expenditures By**, select Everything or specify expenditures from candidate committees, ballot measure committees, or other committees.

To narrow your search to expenditures by specific candidates, either enter the candidate’s name or select the office for which a candidate is running.

To narrow your search to expenditures by specific ballot measure committees, enter the ballot measure or select a ballot measure from the drop-down menu. Optionally, select Support or Oppose from the committee position dropdown to limit results to committees that support or oppose the ballot measure.

To narrow your search to expenditures by other committees, search for All Committees or limit the results by selecting a specific Committee Type.

Under **Expenditures Paid To**, select All Payees or enter a name or part of a name in the **Just these payees** field and click **Go**.
Optionally, specify a Payee Location by entering a city name or part of a name in the **Payee Location** field. Select the appropriate location.

Under **Dates**, select All Dates and Election cycles, or specify a date range or election cycle.

In the results pane, the total amount of expenditures is shown. Below the total, sort the list of results by clicking on the column header. For individual expenditures in the list, expand any row to see more details about the expenditure.

To download a list of the results, click **Download CSV**.

**Penalties**

When searching penalties, choose filters to narrow your search by the committee assessed the penalty and by date.

Under **Transaction Type**, select Penalties.

Under **Penalties To**, select Everything or specify candidate committees, ballot measure committees, or other committees.

To narrow your search to penalties levied on specific candidates, either enter the candidate’s name or select the office for which a candidate is running.

To narrow your search to penalties levied on specific ballot measure committees, enter the ballot measure code or select a ballot measure from the drop-down menu. Optionally, select Support or Oppose from the committee position dropdown to limit results to committees that support or oppose the ballot measure.

To narrow your search to penalties levied on other committees, search for All Committees or limit the results to PAC Committees or Small Donor Committees by selecting either option from the drop-down menu.

Under **Dates**, select All Dates and Election cycles, or specify a date range or election cycle.

In the results pane, the total amount of penalties is shown. Below the total, sort the list of results by clicking on the column header. For individual penalties in the list, click **View** to see an attachment with details about the penalty.
To download a list of the results, click **Download CSV**.

**See All Candidates**
To view and select a specific candidate from a list of all current candidates, click **See All Candidates**.

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Candidates registered with the Office of the Clerk and Recorder for the selected election date are listed below. Select a candidate to find more information about their campaign filings and reports.

| Election Cycle | 2019 Municipal General Election

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Office</th>
<th>District</th>
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<tr>
<td>Victoria Angile</td>
<td>City Council</td>
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<td>Christine Amons</td>
<td>City Council</td>
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<tr>
<td>Veronica Bevis</td>
<td>City Council</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sandra Black</td>
<td>City Council</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Iris Brown</td>
<td>City Council</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alberta Brudin</td>
<td>City Council</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lisa Calzadino</td>
<td>Mayor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Figure 11 All Candidates*

On the All Candidates page, select the election cycle for which a candidate is registered from the dropdown list. You can select an Office or District, or type the name of a specific Candidate below the column headers to filter the results. Select a candidate to go to the candidate page and view all publicly available information about the candidate, including a financial overview, support and opposition, expenditures, filings, and disclosures. See **candidates** to learn about the information displayed on the candidate page.

**See All Ballot Issues**
To view and select a specific ballot measure from a list of all ballot issues, click **See All Ballot Issues**.
On the All Ballot Issues page, select the election cycle when the issue was on the ballot from the dropdown list. You can type a ballot issue name or words in the description below the column headers to filter the results. Select a ballot measure to go to the measure’s page and view all publicly available information about the issue, including a financial overview, support and opposition, expenditures, and filings. See Ballot Issues to learn about the information displayed on the ballot issue page.

Calendar

From the Dashboard, click Filing Calendar to see a calendar of report filing dates. Select a Filer Type to filter the calendar to view dates for specific filers. To download a copy of the calendar, click Download Calendar.