

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 168

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: Richard Mack

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §3-109 (Political Contributions) (New Provision)

Letter, December 26, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Implement a political contribution disclosure process with a list of contributions to elected officials to be posted on the City's website.

[Sec. 3.109](#) - [Political Contributions](#).

Each elective officer of the City shall post on the City of Detroit website a list of all political contributions, as defined by state campaign finance law, that the elective officer received. Such list shall be updated every year from the date of the most recent election, and shall include every contribution given to the officer, made for purpose of that elective office, for the previous four years. The list shall also include all contributions, goods or services offered by an individual or entity, to the elective officer, which has had or currently has a contract with the City of Detroit, and this information shall be separately categorized within the posting. The list shall include the name of the person/entity making the contribution, the amount of the contribution, the date of the contribution, the address of the contributor, the employer of the individual making the contribution, and all other information the elective officer is required to report about the contribution by law. This list shall be posted in a format enabling members of the public to search and sort the list, and shall be accessible to the public without charge.

RATIONALE: "This addition to the Charter will enable the members of the public to easily search the political contributions made to local officers, as that which can be done for state officers. See http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633_8723_8751-169289--,00.html Given the rampant corruption surrounding contracts that has been alleged, and proven, in courts of law recently, the City residents should have at least as much access to the political contributions of their elective officers as they have for state offices."-Richard Mack, Esq., Letter, December 26, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: