

Memo

To: Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

From: Wayne Barnett

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Re: 2019 Workplan

Elections

- *The Democracy Voucher Program works to democratize campaign financing, and bring new voices into the political process*
 - Timely and accurately process qualifying paperwork for participating candidates
 - Timely and accurately process vouchers and distribute funds to participating candidates
 - Provide accurate program information to candidates and the public
 - Improve outreach to Seattle's diverse populations
- *The goal of the office's work administering the Elections Code is to provide accurate timely information to the public on who is funding campaigns, and to ensure that the campaign contribution limits are respected*
 - Assist what is likely to be a record number of candidates in complying with their campaign finance reporting obligations, and resolve compliance issues within 30 days, or prior to the election, whichever occurs first

Ethics

- *Our work administering the Ethics Code strives to promote public confidence in government, and to ensure that employees are comfortable seeking advice and making complaints*
 - Provide timely and accurate information to individuals seeking advice
 - Resolve compliance issues within 90 days
 - Secure resources to investigate complaints

Lobbying

- *The Lobbying Code aims to shine a light on paid lobbying, with the ultimate goal of promoting public confidence in government*
 - Gather information from other municipalities and advise Commission on best practices
 - Craft legislation with the Law Department if the Commission requests changes to the lobbying law
 - Secure additional resources to administer the lobbyist registration and reporting program

Whistleblower

- *Our work on the Whistleblower Protection Code seeks to ensure that employees can daylight problems with City government without fearing for their jobs.*
 - Resolve reports of improper government action and/or retaliation within 90 days

Voters' Pamphlet and Video Voters' Guide

- *The goal of the voters' pamphlet and video voters' guide is to provide the public with information to assist them as they vote*
 - Facilitate a smooth process for gathering candidate statements and transmitting them to King County Elections
 - Facilitate a smooth process for scheduling and recording candidate statements