

Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

Maximum Campaign Valuations

Relevant Authority

SMC 2.04.690.D provides that “[p]rior to each election cycle, the Commission may reasonably adjust the maximum campaign valuations, the dollar amounts for and numbers of qualifying contributions, the contribution limits per contributor provided in subsection 2.04.630.B (but the Commission shall not set a contribution limit for qualifying candidates that exceeds the contribution limit specified for candidates in [Section 2.04.370](#)), or the number or value of democracy vouchers provided to each eligible person, to account for inflation or deflation, and ensure the goals and purposes of the Program including democracy and accountability, high rates of candidate participation, heavy utilization of vouchers by those who have not previously donated to Seattle political campaigns, and high public satisfaction with the Program.” Following its analysis of the 2019 election cycle, including an analysis of the cost of running a competitive campaign, in order to preserve high rates of candidate participation, the Commission hereby establishes the following campaign valuations for the 2021 and 2023 elections.

Position	Primary election (\$)	Total for primary and general elections (\$)
At-large City Councilmember	187,500	375,000
District City Councilmember	93,750	187,500

The Maximum Campaign Valuations for the Mayor and City Attorney are unchanged at \$400,000/\$800,000 and \$150,000/\$300,000, respectively. These changes are effective immediately.